THE WEATHER.

Increasing cloudiness and warmer Sunday; Monday rain, light to moderate variable winds becoming east.

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BANKS TOLD HOW TO PRESENT CLAIMS

Organization Committee Supplemented Their Plans

FOURTEEN CITIES TO VISIT

Before Starting on Trip Banks and Clearing Houses Will be Notified Where and When Claims May be Exposed.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Federal reserve bank organization committee tonight supplemented its plan for locating Federal reserve cities with an unofficial announcement pointing the way for all cities to present their claims for banks. Before the committee, consisting of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, starts upon its tour of the country, it will advist clearing house associations and boards of trade in cities that are in the field for a reservt bank, when and where they can be heard.

Only fourteen large cities in addition to Washington will be visited, but it was the understanding that any city and any community can be heard at some point on the trip around the country which has been mapped out.

Although details for the hearings have not been worked out, it is probable that the claims of Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington will be heard here. Pittsburgh will have an opportunity either in Cleveland or Cincinnati. Fort Worth, Texas, which is in the field, will be allowed to argue in Houston, and St. Louis and Minneapolis, in Chicago. Information the committee procures from these cities will be useful in determining the boundaries of the reserve districts.

It was said tonight that neither cabinet officer on the organization committee had determined upon the number of reserve districts and cities. The trip to be taken is almost as much for this purpose as for actually locating the cities and defining the districts.

First Formal Step.

The committee took its first formal step today when it made official announcement of the procedure to be followed by banks which wish to make legal application for membership in the new system. In accordance with this announcement, every bank desiring membersnip shall, within 60 days, through its board of directors, pass a resolution certifying its desire to enter the system. The resolution is to be signed by the cashier of the bank, and forwarded to the committee. It provides for the full acceptance of the terms of the law and expresses the intention of the board to subscribe, on behalf of the bank for stock in the proper Federal reserve bank.

The filing of this form will be the first step of a bank toward membership. It will have nothing further to do toward coming into the system until the organization committee announces the geographical limits of its district and the city where its reserve bank is to be located. Within 30 days after such announcement a bank must take the second step that will bind it to the Federal system. It must begin to put up its money for stock in the district Federal reserve bank. Each bank entering must subscribe to stock in the Federal bank tqual to 6 per cent. of its paid-up capital and surplus, but not all of this sum is to be paid at once.

Informal applications from banks continued to reach the treasury today by officials were surprised when they received telegrams from several individuals who wished to subscribe for stock in reserve banks. One applicant wanted to get $20,000 worth of stock, another wanted $10,000 worth and another $5,000. The law provides in certain contingencies that individuals may subscribe but if the banks continut to come in there will be little left when their time limit has expired.

Secretary McAdoo's illness was diagnosed today as grippe, but Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the public health service, who is attending him, declared that his patient was much better.

WOODROW WILSON TO HAVE BIRTHDAY

Will Be Fifty-seven Years Old Today and Still Young

ATTENDS CHURCH SERVICES

Letters and Telegrams of Congratulations Pour In On President—Some Were Written With a Pencil—All Carry Cheer.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 27.—President Wilson will be 57 years old tomorrow and letters and telegrams of congratulations poured in today from all parts of the country. Some of them were from personal friends, but the great majority were from persons hitherto unknown to the President. Some were written in pencil and half scrawled and others appeared more formal, but all brought a feeling of happiness to the President as he read them.

The birthday will mean no change in the quiet atmosphere of the cottage which the nation's chief executive has chosen for a vacation here. In the forenoon he probably will attend services in the small Presbyterian church which is perched on the edge of the beach road, half projecting into the Mississippi Sound. It is a tiny wooden building scarcely 30 feet wide, with a belfry that extends practically over the entire roof of the structure. The church seats less than a hundred.

With the exception of church services, the President has no definite plans for tomorrow, although he will probably take an automobile ride with his family. He is taking life just as easy as possible here. After a game of golf beyond Gulfport early today he returned home and dictated a few letters, lolled about the parlor of the house for a while, reading some newspapers and then took a nap.

Doing Little Work.

President Wilson is doing very little work here. His mail is carefully sifted for him before hand, and thus far he has had no communications of importance from Washington and his rest has been practically undisturbed by official business. He has had ample opportunity to vary his diversions with a sea trip as the Winona, a United States revenue cutter has been laying just a mile off shore in front of his cottage and is at his disposal during his visit here. The President has declined to use it, however, and has done likewise with an invitation from the conservation commission of Louisiana to use the yacht. Mr. Wilson finds variety and rest enough ashore.

The sea was quite rough today the waters washing the sand flats and running a surf close to the shell road that borders the lawn of the President's cottage.

Members of the President's family are enjoying it here. The Misses Margaret and Eleanor Wilson took a long horseback ride over the shell road today. They entertained the Misses Mary and Lucy Smith, of New Orleans, close friends of the family who have visited them in Washington.

Citizens of Gulfport through which place the President daily passes on his way to the golf club, today were on the alert to see him pass. Mr. Wilson's prowess as a fire fighter has added to his fame here. One member of the local volunteer fire department of Gulfport today revealed the discovery that President Wilson is suite mandatory in emergency.

"I was standing outside the Neville residence waiting for the apparatus to arrive," he said, "when a man came up. He noticed my uniform and asked me what I was standing there looking at the fire for.

"'Why don't you get up there and help?' he asked. I told him I couldn't go up until the hook and ladder wagon came.

"'Well,' he said, 'my men could climb on the inside. I don't see why you can't.' It suddenly dawned on me that I was talking to the President and I went inside to help."

BOTH ARMIES ARE WARNED BY TROOPS

Fighting Mexicans Must Not Shoot Across the Border.

PRIVATE PROPERTY UNSAFE

Washington Pays No Attention to Offer of Japanese Officers to Enlist With Huerta's Forces In Mexico.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 27.—Warnings were given today by United States troops to both Federals and rebels that if there is a battle at Ojinaga there must be no firing across the border.

Late reports were that the rebels were not yet within sight of the Federal stronghold.

An agent of General Villa arrived from Chihuahua Cit ytoday to arrange for the release of Luis Terrazas, Jr., son of the Mexican landowner who is held by Villa for a ransom said to be $250,000 gold. Terrazas' father has expressed willingness to pay the money, but has asked for a guarantee of his son's safe conduct to the United States. Young Terrazas has been in jail in Chihuahua City ever since the rebels occupied that city.

All the homes of the Tarrazas, Creels and other rich Mexican families charged with having sympathized with Huerta, have been deeded over by Villa to his officers. The property was confiscated several weeks ago.

Japanese agents who feared Villa might show resentment to their countrymen in Mexico because Huerta had placed orders for arms in Japan, said they had received word from Mexico City that Japanese subjects would be protected by British vice consul in Chihuahua. Villa had assured the Japanese he was not unfriendly to them.

Rebels Near Tampico.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 27.—A careful estimate of the number of rebels in the State of Tampaulipas places the total at 15,000. The majority of these are around Victoria, but a considerable force is near Tampico and it is possible that another attack on the port will commence early in the week.

The Federal defending Tampico and outlying districts approximate 3,000 and have the assistance of two gunboats. Twelve hundred of the rebels are at Altamira, 23 miles north. A little farther northward rebels in largfie numbers continue to hold positions. An additional carload of ammunition sent from Victoria reached the rebels yesterday.

To the southwest of Tampico the rebels under General Aguilar hold Panuco and the railroad from Tampico to San Luis Potosi, is reported to be cut.

Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, with the battleships Connecticut and Kansas will leave Vera Cruz for Tampico within two days. It is expected that the scout cruiser Chester and the hospital ship Solace also will proceed to Tampico.

Property Unsafe.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Conditions in regard to the safety of private property in Central Mexico continue to be unsatisfactory, according to the latest State Department reports. Owing to the fact that the erritory from Durango northward is in the sole possession of neither warring faction and that both telegraph and railroads generally have been destroyed, communication is so slow that it required seven days to get news to the department from the city of Torreon. A week ago that important strategic point still was in the hands of the Federals but the revolutionists were in control of the surrounding district.

On the gulf coast the rebels were active up to Christmas and the consul at Tampico reported that General Aguilar with several hundred rebel troops took possession of the town of Panuco, December 24th. They destroy-

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FEDERAL LEAGUE SIGNS JOE TINKER

Others High Up in Baseball Go to Uutlawed League.

TINKER MAY BE ENJOINED

Courts May Have to Decide Cincinnati-Brooklyn-Tinker Dispute About Where Famous Shortstop Will Play.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Joseph Tinker, former manager of the Cincinnati National League ball club, and Mordecai Brown, Cincinnati pitcher, today signed three-year contracts with the Federal League. Tinker will manage the Chicago club and Brown will manage the St. Louis club.

George Stovall, formerly of Cleveland and last year manager of the St. Louis American League, signed to manage the Kansas City club next year. Larry Schlafley, with the Jersey City club, of the international League, will manage the Buffalo club, and William Phillips, a former Cincinnati player but out of baseball for several years, will go to Indianapolis as manager. The franchise recently voted Cleveland was forfeited and awarded to Toronto, Canada.

James Gilmore, president of the Federal League, announced that each Federal League club would contain at least five players who appeared last year with either the National or American League. The full roster of the players, he said, would be announced within a few days. Well known players from these leagues, he said, had ben chosen to manage the Toronto, Baltimore and Pittsburgh clubs.

The amount any player is to receive from the new league was not made public by Mr. Gilmore.

Tinker's Salary.

It was reported that Tinker was to receive $36,000 for three years' service. Tinker, who was deposed by Cincinnati, was sold to the Brooklyn club for $25,000, it being stipulated that he was to receive $2,000 of this amount in addition to his salary. Tinker had announced that he would not go to the Federal club unless he was assured that his income would be larger than that provided by the Brooklyn deal.

Cleveland's place in the new Federal League was forfeited owing to the failure of that city to guarantee a suitable park.

Barney Hepburn, a member of the Canadian parliament, it was announced, is the owner of the Toronto club.

Tinker and Brown are among the oldest and best known players in organized baseball. Tinker joined the Chicago club twelve years ago and won his way to high regard as a shortstop. A year ago he was signed by Cincinnati as manager. Brown also spent many years with the Chicago club as a pitcher. He went with Tinker to Cincinnati.

The cities represented in the Federal League are Toronto, Buffalo, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Indianapolis.

To Enjoin Tinker.

New York, Dec. 27.—Joe Tinker will not be allowed to play with the Federal League, if the powers of organized baseball, invoking the aid of the courts can prevent him, it was stated here tonight by Edward H. McKeever, vice president of the Brooklyn National League club.

"We will get out an injunction restraining Tinker from playing with the Federal League," said McKeever. "Tinker is the property of the Brooklyn club. He has been purchased in the regular way and we will resort to the courts to convince him and the Federal League that he belongs to us."

The news that Tinker had signed with the Federal League surprisd officers of the Brooklyn club. President Ebbets is on his way to Porto Rico for a ehree weeks' stay, having sailed on the steamship Brazos a few hours before word reached here of the defection of the shortstop who thus rejected a $10,000 bonus in addition to what McKeever described tonight as a better contract that Tinker had ever signed before as a player.

McKeever intimated that Tinker had been offered more than $5,000 for three years in addition to the $10,000 bonus.

McKeever said Tinker had given no intimation to the club that he planned

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OUTLINES

Joseph Tinker and "Three Finger" Brown have signed three year contracts to manage teams in the outlawed Federal League in baseball.

Dortch and Webb have both taken the oath of office as United States marshals for North Carolina.

President Wilson is 57 years old today. He has received many letters of congratulations, some written with pencils, but all carrying words of good cheer to the President.

The Federal reserve committee has informed all banks how they must register their claims for membership in the new system.

The president of the Western Federation of Miners was mobbed and sent to Chicago from the Michigan strike district. He was threatened with death by hanging if he returned.

Conditions in Mexico are still far from satisfactory to the government at Washington. Property owned by foreigners is still in danger.

New York markets: Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.60; middling gulf 12.85. Money on call nominal; no loans. Wheat barely steady; No. 2 red 99 1-2 to 1.01; No. 1 Northern Duluth 98 3-4. Corn eeasy 70 1-8. Flour dull. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet.

PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION MOBBED BY CITIZENS

Valuable Papers Taken From Him, He Was Shot and Later Placed Aboard a Train and Sent Out of Michigan Strike Territory—Identifies One of His Assailants as a Prominent Member of Citizens' Alliance.

WAS DIRECT RESULT OF CHRISTMAS DISASTER

Moyer Was Told That if He Didn't Leave Country at Once He Would be Hanged—Grand Jury Investigation Will be Demanded by Lawyers for Federation of Miners.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A grand jury investigation of the mobbing of Chas. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners at Hancock, Mich, last night, will be demanded at Houghton, county seat of Houghton county, by O. N. Hilton, attorney for the Federation, when the inquisitorial body meets next Tuesday.

Mr. Hilton made this declaration tonight. He left Hancock Thursday night, but took a train back tonight.

Moyer's wound in the shoulder, inflicted by a bullet, was subjected to X-ray examination tonight at St. Luke's hospital. On his arrival here this afternoon, accompanied by Chas. H. Tanner, auditor of the Federation, who was also roughly handled by the mob at Hancock, he was taken to a hotel near the union station where Drs. William Hasher and G. V. Hilton made a superficial examination of the wound and dressed it. He was then removed to the hospital. Apparently the only danger lies in the possibility of blood poisoning.

Moyer was guarded from reporters at the hotel and the hospital and could not be seen with reference to the denial of James McNaugnton that he was with the mob at the railway station at Hancock as charged by Moyer and that he searched Moyer, retaining valuable papers.

Moyer's declaration was made to two reporters who met his train at Corliss, Wis., and came with him to Chicago.

Attorney Hilton acted as messenger in the quest for information of the charges. He disappeared for a few moments in the sick room and upon re-appearing, he said:

Identifies Assailant.

"There is no doubt about it. Moyer could not have been mistaken. He knows Jim McNaughton like his own mother—has seen him constantly since the negotiations for a settlement of the strike have been on. McNaughton and Moyer have been in conferences which I personally attended.

"McNaughton ordered him out of the country; said he would hang him if he returned and then he searched him. Two gun men held him and McNaughton took two wallets from Moyer's person. One of these contained money and this he returned. He kept the other."

According to Moyer and Tanner the attack occurred at about 8:10 or 8:15 o'clock and they were thrust aboard the train an hour or so later—they were not sure. According to several of McNaughton's friends he was at his club in Calumet, 16 miles from Hancock, at 9:45 o'clock. The train is scheduled to leave Hancock at 9:27. A mass meeting of Union labor men of Chicago was called for tomorrow to adopt resolutions anent the copper country situation, and similar meetings probably will be held in other cities.

Moyer said today that two hours before the alleged attack he had completed a plan for settlement of the strike.

"It was to the effect that the President of the United States and the Governor of Michigan should appoint five or seven arbiters to settle the whole thing and that the strikers should return immediately to work," he explained.

Letter to Mine Owners.

The following letter, Moyer said, had been addressed by him to the general managers of the mining companies of Houghton and Keweenaw counties:

"On the eve of the burial of the victims of the terrible disaster which occurred in our midst at a time when the doctrine of peace on earth and good will to men was being spread among the little ones of your employes who were striking for what they believe to be a just cause, I again come to you in their behalf and ask that you join with me in an effort to adjust this deplorable controversy. Acting with authority from the striking miners, I have submitted to you terms of arbitration which should appeal to any one who is desirous of bringing to an end a conflict which has been going on for more than five months, during which time millions of dollars have been lost and unnecessarily expended and human lives have been sacrificed to say nothing of the suffering of the participants and those who must necessarily feel the effects of an industrial conflict at this time.

Question Has Two Sides.

"The thinking people of this country believe that there must be something to settle between the employers and their employes of this district. Can you longer maintain that there is but one side to this question and that labor shall not be given an opportunity to be heard? In my last proposal of arbitration I agreed that the mining companies at interest might select two; the miners on strike two, who are not members of their local organization or the Western Federation of Miners, and either the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of Michigan, should select one; and that the entire question in dispute be submitted to said board, and that all partisan interest be bound by their findings. I submit to you the following:

"That the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Michigan together select a committee of arbitration composed of five or seven members; that all matters in dispute be submitted to said board and that upon the acceptance of this medium of arbitration the miners on strike shall be he-employed by you without discrimination; and that all at interest shall be bound by the findings of said board.

"I submit to you, gentlemen, that no fairer proposition for a settlement of a controversy of this character has ever been submitted by men on strike and I urge upon you its acceptance to the end that peace may be restored in this district and assurance given that such scenes as we have been called upon to witness shall be forever ended."

Victor Berger quoted Moyer as saying the letter was dispatched to the general managers before the attack.

It Won't Work.

Big Rapids, Mich., Dec. 27.—"It won't work." This was the comment of Governor Ferris here tonight to the Associated Press after the latest proposal for settlement of the Calumet capper strike, made by Charles H. Moyer, in Chicago, this afternoon, was read to him. The Governor said he was positive the mine operators would never consent an arrangement which compelled them to employ, without discrimination, men who at present are strikers.

Governor Ferris said he saw nothing in Moyer's latest settlement proposition to which he personally would object.

"When I suggested to the operators that they consider the original Moyer plan, they told me such a course would be an insult to the men who were working their mines," said the Governor.

"It is asserted that the Calumet and Hecla mines are being operated with practically a full force. If the Calumet and Hecla operators are telling the truth, these men do not want to have anything to do with the Western Federation. I have put the matter up to the operators again and again and again. They will not take back the strikers indiscriminately."

Wilson Receives Telegram.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, was urged today by Charles Mahoney, of Denver, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners, to "do everything possible to bring about a Federal investigation" of the alleged deportation of Charles H. Moyer from Hancock, Mich., last night.

In a telegram to Secretary Wilson Mr. Mahoney accused the Citizens' Alliance of Calumet of having been responsible for the act. He asserted that Moyer was carried off by a "mob of gunmen operating under the cloak of the so-called Citizens' Alliance;" that he had been shot in the back, dragged a mile and thrown aboard a train under threat of death.

No decision has been reached as to whether the Federal government will make any investigation further than already ordered to be made by John B. Densmore, solicitor of the Department of Labor, who left yesterday for Calumet under instructions from Secretary Wilson to offer assistance in trying to clear up the strike situation.

To Investigate Matters.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 27.—The deportation of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners and leader of the copper miners' strike, who was escorted from Hancock last night after being shot and clubbed, will be investigated by the special grand jury when it resumes its sessions next Tuesday.

Sheriff Cruise today began an inquiry into the facts of Moyer's departure in response to telegrams from Governor Ferris and George Nichols, the special prosecutor in charge of the grand jury. Both requested the sheriff to make a full statement of the result of his investigations.

News of the circumstances of Moyer's departure did not become generally known in the strike region until Moyer had reached Greenbay, Wis., today and told of his injuries.

Warrants were served tonight on the business manager and a dozen or more employes of the Socialist newspaper in Hancock, the charge being "conspiracy to publicly misrepresent matters calculated to incite riot."

The warrants were sworn out under the statutes relating to felony and the men were held in bonds of $1,000 each. The complaints were made by Sheriff Cruise and were a sequel to

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AMAZED AT HAMMER

McReynolds Shocked at Tactics Used Against Auman

May Demand Ashboro Man's Withdrawal—New Postmasters Can't Get Jobs Yet—Simmons at Home.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Amazed at the nature of the affidavits and shocked beyond expression that a man capable of being district attorney would resort to the measures which it is claimed W. C. Hammer adopted in his effort to defeat E. L. Auman as postmaster at Asheboro, it is strongly intimated here tonight that Attorney General McReynolds, upon his return to Washington, will suggest, if not demand, the withdrawal of the recommendation of Hammer for district attorney for Western North Carolina, and the substitution of some other Democrat.

It is said upon the highest authority that McReynolds does not want to name Hammer. He holds Senator Overman in high regard and he believes the junior Senator will consent to the withdrawal of Hammer's name when the Attorney General has had another talk with him.

The thing that impressed Mr. McReynolds more than anything else, according to authoritative information, is the affidavits which have been filed in connection with the appointment of Auman as postmaster. The charge that Hammer is not competent does not enter even half so much in the case as the Auman matter and if Hammer is ever appointed he is very likely to hear from Attorney General McReynolds himself what he thinks of the tactics adopted by Hammer in getting his now famous affidavits against Auman.

Can't Take Jobs Yet.

Though their nominations have been sent to the Senate and confirmed, R. S. Montgomery, J. R. Swann and L. G. Daniels, postmasters-to-be at Reidsville, Marshall and Newbern, respectively, will not be able to take charge of their jobs before January 15th, possibly February 1st. Their commissions have been made out, but because of the absence of President Wilson, they can not be signed until his return. Of course, the papers could be mailed to the President at Pass Christian, but, according to officials at the Postoffice Department, they will not send the President any more work than is absolutely necessary. As the commission could not be sent to Pass Christian and returned before January 1st, they contend that no real good could be accomplished, and hence the Republican officeholders will remain in office for at least 15 days longer, with a good chance of their being retained on the payroll till February 1st.

Senator Simmons at Home.

Senator and Mrs. Simmons left for Newbern today to spend a week or so with their children. The Senator hopes to get a good rest on his farm in Jones county.

It is not known when Senator Simmons will consent to the nomination of H. L. Russell as postmaster at Laurinburg. Russell's nomination has been held up for nearly six months. So far as the officials at the Postoffice Department know, there have been no charges of any sort filed against the character or ability of Russell. About the only thing that is known to be against Russell, according to the Postoffice Department, is that Senator Simmons has asked that no action be taken upon the recommendation of Congressman Page until the Senior Senator says so.

Monroe Postmastership.

Another recommendation of Congressman Page which is being held up is that of E. C. Winchester, at Monroe. Winchester was recommended a month ago. Secretary of the Navy Daniels and R. F. Beasley want Beasley's brother, G. M. Beasley, appointed for the job. There is not a chance of Beasley ever being confirmed by the Senate, should his nomination be sent in, but those favoring Beasley have blocked the nomination of Winchester and are praying that something will happen that will let Beasley have a look-in. Unless there should be a sudden resignation of one of our leading senators, Beasley might as well hunt another job with the Federal government that does not require confirmation by the Senate.

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SECRETARY DANIELS AT GOLDSBORO TODAY.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, will spend Sunday in this city, visiting his mother and brother, Judge Frank A. Daniels, and by special request will deliver an address to the children of the I. O. O. F. Orphan Home in the spacious auditorium of the Jacobi Memorial building at the home, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 27.—The body of Curtis Kitchins, 14 years old, was found in a field near here today. Death had resulted from a wound in the throat, apparently inflicted with a shot gun. No witness to the shooting has been found. The inquest will be held soon.

WITH BULLET WOUND IN HEAD

Well Dressed Woman Was Found on Asheville Street, Dies and Her Husband Disappears.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mrs. John A. Oettinger, a well dressed white woman, who was found lying on Clingman avenue, Christmas day, with a bullet wound in her head, died today at a local hospital.

Mrs. Oettinger was conscious for only a few moments after she was discovered, and in her rational moments, she is said to have stated that her husband inflicted the wound.

He has not been seen since the deceased was found, but police are making a thorough search of the city for him. The police have found that Mrs. Oettinger's mother's name is Donaldson, and that she lives in Mecklenburg county.

MOTORCYCLE RACE.

300 Miles Made in Less Than Five and a Half Hours.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 27.—Bob Perry, of Illinois, won the 300-mile motorcycle road race here this afternoon in five hours, 22 minutes, eight seconds. M. E. Jones, of Ohio, was second.

Forty-three riders started. Jones took the lead early in the race and kept it until near the finish. He was ten minutes behind Perry at the end.

Several minor accidents occurred during the afternoon and two local riders suffered broken legs during a mix-up.

NEGRO HOMISIDE IN ROBESON

Lacy McRae Confesses Killing Jack Adams—Newspaper Plant Sold. Epidemic of Marriages.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 27.—A murder was committed in Alfordsville township, three miles from Rowland, yesterday afternoon, Jack Adams, colored, being the victim. Lacy McRae is alleged to have waylaid Adams, shooting him with a shotgun from ambush. Luke McCallum, another negro, is charged with being an accessory, he having gone to the home of Adams and invited him to take a stroll.

Coroner Rancke and Dr. McPhaul went to the scene of the murder this morning and held an inquest. McRae and McCallum were arrested today and brought here to jail. McRae made a full confession in the presence of Dr. McPhaul and others. McRae's sister is said to have been the cause of the killing.

Newspaper Plant Sold.

The plant of the Robeson Advance Publishing Co., was sold at auction today to satisfy mortgage. G. S. McKenzie, the only bidder, was the purchaser, for $25. The plant had no press.

Superintendent Sentelle, of the graded school, gave notice this afternoon that school would re-open again on Tuesday, January 6th, instead of December 30th, as was announced when school closed for Christmas.

Forty marriage licenses were issued from last Saturday morning till this evening.

MILLS DISSOLVE CHARTERS

Thirteen Cotton Mills in South Carolina File Certificates With State Secretary.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—Thirteen cotton mills in South Carolina owned or controlled by the Parker Mills Co., with an aggregate capital stock in excess of $3,800,000, filed certificates of dissolution of charter with the Secretary of State today. The charters were dissolved.

"This action is only a subsequent step in the organization of the so-called Parker merger," stated H. G. Welborn, of Columbia, general manager of the Hampton Mills, a component company of the Parker Mills Co.

"This step was necessitated when the Parker Mills Co., the hoiding company, took over the mills two years ago, but delays have prevented this legal formality being gone through with."

The Olympia mills at Columbia, with a capital of $1,500,000, one of the largest in the country, is included in the number dissolving their charters.

STATEVILLE BAKER A SUICIDE.

Takes His Life by Drinking Poison. Leaves Babe.

Statesville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Charles Miller, a local baker, aged 23 years, took his own life this morning about 10 o'clock by drinking a half ounce of poison. To despondency following excessive drinking is attributed the deed. A wife and two children, one an infant born last night, survive.

MARYLAND PULLS OFF A LYNCHING

Negro Admitted Having Murdered and Robbed Farmer.

GUARD OVERPOWERED BY MOB

Shots Over Heads of Crowd Have No Effect—Men Were Determined on Revenge for Wilful Murder of White Man.

Chestertown, Md., Dec. 27.—At midnight a mob which had gathered around Kent county jail here determined to lynch Norman Mabel, negro, the self-confessed slayer of John R. Coleman, a farmer, Tuesday night, forced two doors of the jail. Shots were exchanged between the defenders and the attacking crowd, but no one was hit on either side.

The mob was met inside the jail by State Attorney H. W. Vickers, Sheriff W. E. Brown and 15 special deputies with drawn revolvers. Vickers pleaded with the men to leave the jail. This proving ineffectual, the sheriff ordered his deputies to fire over the heads of the mob. Two volleys brought the infuriated crowd to a halt. Here and there from the crowd came scattered shots, but none of the bullets entered the corridor.

The determined front of the officers apparently did not lessen the mob's determination to wreak vengence upon the negro Mabel. They refused to disperse and crowded close to the broken doors, seemingly awaiting for some one to make the first rush against the little band of officers.

Open Fire On Building.

About midnight five men bolted into the corridor, the leader bearing a sledge hammer. For a moment it looked as if the guards would be overpowered. Former Sheriff William H. McKee faced the would-be lynchers singled handed, wrenched the hammer from the leader's hand and forced him and his four companions from the corridor.

The mob withdrew a short distance outside and opened fire upon the window on the second floor where Mabel and the other negroes under arrest in connection with the murder are confined.

Volley after volley from half a hundred pistols and shotguns was directed at the second story and scarcely a pane of glass in the windows was left.

The negroes laid down close under the windows to escape the bullets.

Beginning of the Trouble.

An attempt by Sheriff William E. Brown to remove to Baltimore for safe keeping the five negroes confined in the Kent county jail here, accused of the murder Tuesday night of Jas. R. Coleman, a well-to-do farmer, was prevented by a mob of more than 500 persons this afternoon.

Since early today the crowd about the jail has steadily increased and threats of lynching were freely made. The sheriff made secret preparations to take his prisoners out of the town. The crowd was warned, however, and formed a coreon about the jail, so that no one could enter or leave without their knowledge.

Later the throng was calmed somewhat when States Attorney Vickers announced that a special session of the grand jury would be called Monday to take up the case.

Afterwards Sheriff Brown warned a crowd of men who still persisted in standing close to the jail walls that he would have an armed guard of 50 men stationed around the jail tonight and that he would defy any movement to take the prisoners.

One of the negroes, Norman Mable, confessed tonight that it was he who killed Coleman and robbed his body of $50. Mabel declared that James Parroway, one of the others arrested, helped him kill Coleman.

Lynching Attempted.

Early tonight an effort was made by a mob of armed citizens to enter the jail and lynch Norman Mabel, the negro who confessed. Crowding around the jail the mob flourished knives and revolvers and demanded that the murderer be given up. Only a leader was needed to take the first step in charging the door.

Former Judge James Alfred Peace, who had spent several hours in the jail, went to the door and begged the mob to disperse. The men heard him in silence, but did not relax from their hostile attitude.

"We will lynch the negro before morning," hundreds shouted.

The authorities fear the threat will be carried out. The jail is not constructed to withstand a determined assault and only fifteen men are guarding the prisoner.

LANDLORD KILLS TENANT.

G. J. Baker Shoots Henry Rogers Near Camden, S. C.

Camden, S. C., Dec. 27.—The only fatality of the Christmas season yet reported was the killing of Henry Rogers, aged about 35 years, by G. J. Baker, aged nearly 60, which happened on the place of the latter, about nine miles east of Camden, Thursday night. It is said that Rogers had been drinking and being a tenant on the place of Baker, the wife of the dead man had sent for Baker to aid her, that Rogers was unruly. Baker went to the home and it is said Rogers attempted to shoot him with a gun. Baker succeeded in getting the gun from him, and Rogers continued to advance upon him with a chair, when Baker struck Rogers over the head with the barrel of the gun, inflicting wounds from which he died shortly after the blow was dealt. Baker came to Camden this morning and surrendered to the authorities. Both were well known white men of the county, and Rogers leaves a wife and four small children.

ROOSEVELT GOES SOUTH.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy on Inspection Tour.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, acting secretary of the navy, visited the Naval Academy at Annapolis today. He will leave tomorrow to inspect the Charleston, S. C., navy yard, and the naval detention barracks at Port Royal, S. C. On Monday Mr. Roosevelt and Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight will attend a meeting of the American Historical Association in Charleston as representatives of the Navy Department. At this gathering Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, and Assistant Secretary Breckenridge will attend for the War Department.

DORTCH AND WEBB TAKE OATH

As United States Marshals of the Two North Carolina Districts—Bailey Is Appointed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27.—W. T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, recently appointed deputy United States marshal for this district, came here this afternoon and was sworn in by United States Judge Henry Groves Connor.

Webb Sworn In.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, today took the oath of marshal for the Western district of North Carolina. His commission was received yesterday by Judge Boyd who immediately notified Mr. Webb that he could be sworn in as soon as his bond was filed and approved.

Mr. Webb arrived this morning and gave his bond in a surety company and, this being approved, the oath was administered by Clerk J. M. Milliken, of the Federal court.

One of Marshal Webb's first acts was to appoint J. M. Bailey, who has been marchal for three days by appointment of Judge Boyd and formerly Marshal Logan's chief deputy. Mr. Bailey will be chief office deputy femporarily. He will soon be succeeded by ex-Sheriff Ross, of Randolph, it is said.

E. G. Sherrill, formerly chairman of Guilford county Democratic committee, will be one of the new deputies. Just as soon as the work of the officer can be gotten in shape, the Republicans will be displaced and their jobs given to Democrats. Mr. Webb has been besieged today by candidates and their friends. There are ten or twelve good places at the disposal of Mr. Webb.

The offices may be moved to Asheville, but this cannot be done without the consent of the Department of Justice, and Judge Boyd may have a say.

GENERAL TORNEY DEAD.

Surgeon-General of the United States Army—Noted Career.

Washington, Dec. 27.—George Henry Torney, surgeon general of the United States army, died at his home here tonight of bronchial pneumonia. He had been in poor health several weeks.

General Torney was born in Baltimore June 1, 1850. His first service was in the navy, he having been appointed assistant surgeon of the navy, November, 1871, and past assistant surgeon in 1874. Resigning in the navy in 1875, General Torney was immediately appointed first lieutenant assistant surgeon of the army, being promoted rapidly until he reached the rank of major surgeon in 1895; lieutenant colonel deputy surgeon general in 1903; colonel in command of the medical corps in 1908, and surgeon general of the army January 14th, 1909.

General Torney saw rigorous service in the Philippines and in Cuba. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the American Red Cross, and chairman of its war relief committee, the Army and Navy Club, the Catholic Club of New York, and Bohemian Club of San Francisco.

Funeral arrangements were not completed tonight.

M'CABE & COMPANY OF CHARLESTON FAILED.

Receivers Appointed for Large Cotton Brokerage Concern.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 27.—Federal Judge Smith tonight appointed John Maybank and R. G. Rhett, both of this city, joint receivers for the cotton brokerage firm of W. Gordon McCabe & Co., here. The appointment was made upon petition of the principal unsecured creditors of the company and followed the filing of involuntary proceedings in bankruptcy against the concern today by three small creditors. The schedule of assets and liabilities was not filed but it was officially stated that the firm's liabilities will be $1,000,000.

An Earlier Story.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 27.—Proceedings of involuntary bankruptcy were filed today in the Federal court against W. Gordon McCabe & Co., of Charleston, the petitioners being Robertson Eppes, W. W. Smith and Walker Evans & Cogswell.

The petition asks the respondents to show cause why they should not be adjudged bankrupt and is returnable on January 6th, at 11 o'clock. The claims of debt filed are not of large proportions.

It is reported that the McCabe company's liabilities will reach the neighborhood of $400,000.

SUICIDED IN NEW YORK.

Man's Baggage and Letters Show He is From Norfolk, Va.

New York, Dec. 27.—A man believed to have come to this city from Norfolk, Va., on the steamer Princess Anne, December 24th, was found dead among the shrubbery in Bronx Park today, a suicide by shooting. He was about 30 years old, well dressed and with nearly $100 in his pockets, besides papers and trunk checks. The checks led investigators to the Old Dominion pier, where search of a suit case revealed a receipted bill of the J. G. Wilson Mfg. Co., of Norfolk, Va., bearing the name "E. Moszaros," the initials corresponding with those in a derby hat the man had worn. A physician's prescription blank with the name "Dr. R. D. Glasser, 573 Church street, Norfolk," also was among the papers found. The police have communicated with the Norfolk authorities in an effort to establish definitely the man's identity.

NEW A. C. L. EQUIPMENT.

Nine New Dining Coaches and 25 Phosphate Cars.

The current number of the Manufacturers' Record carries an item in its railroad news column with reference to the purchase of new equipment by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. The item states that it is reported the company has ordered 25 phosphate cars from the Pressed Steel Car Company, of Pittsburg. The item also makes mention of the receipt by the Coast Line from the Pullman Company, Chicago, of nine new dining cars of extra size and equipment.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 27.—Acting upon a report that an attempt would be made early this morning to hold up the New York-New Orleans Limited of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, officials of the road took a number of deputies aboard the train here. The report was that the attempt at hold-up would occur at McGhee's switch, eight miles south of here. The train left Montgomery for the South shortly after 1 A. M.

HOBBS TRIAL OVER

Displayed Gun When on His Way to See Gov. Brewer.

Miss Plunkitt Tells of His Having Shown Her Pistol and Saying It Was Life and Death With Him—Very Excited.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 27.—The end of the trial of State Senator G. A. Hobbs on the charge of soliciting and accepting bribes was in sight late today when the State closed in rebuttal with the testimony of Miss Mattie Plunkitt, State librarian who told of arranging a conference between Hobbs and Governor Brewer. The defense is expected to close its case Monday.

Miss Plunkitt testified that Hobbs had approached her while he was apparently laboring under much excitement, that he partly exhibited a revolver when telling her that his predicament was a "life and death matter with him." She testified Hobbs told her "they had got him" but she did not recall that he had connected Lieutenant Governor Bilbo with the case. Bilbo was indicted jointly with Hobbs.

Bilbo was one of the important witnesses for the defense today testifying that he knew Hobbs was trying to catch Stephen Castleman in a bribery plot.

What the prosecution maintains were negotiations that resulted in Hobbs' illegally taking money from Castleman was in furthering that plan, Bilbo said.

Bilbo testified after the cross-examination of the defendant had been completed and a number of character witnesses introduced by the defense. Hobbs was asked only a few unimportant questions. The character witnesses were introduced in the defense' efforts to show that Stephen Castleman, who it is charged gave Hobbs a bribe, had a bad reputation.

AVIATION MEET AT SUMTER.

To be Pulled Off by Chamber of Commerce This Week.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 27.—The Sumter Chamber of Commerce Aviation Meet next week is attracting much attention. The Krause Greater Shows will be here and there will be two or more aeroplane flights daily, weather permitting. The Queen of the Festival contest in which three pieces of diamond jewelry is being offered by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, valued at over $100, is beginning to awaken interest by the entrance of a number of pretty Sumter young ladies for the honors, and the jewelry.

MISS BOWERS TO JAPAN.

Newberry, S. C., Girl, Will be Missionary to Flowery Kingdom.

Newberry, S. C., Dec. 27.—Miss Mary Lou Bowers leaves today for San Francisco, and on January 2nd sails for Japan. She is a member of the Lutheran church of the Redeemer and goes as a missionary to the foreign field. She is one of the two first women commissioned by the United Synod of the South as missionaries.

A beautiful and impressive "farewell service" was held in the church as a token of esteem to Miss Bowers on her departure.

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(advertisement.)

Tuxedo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Play for the amateur challenge cup in court tennis opened on the courts of the Tuxedo Tennis and Raquet Club today. Robert D. Wrenn defeated ver Perrin 3 to 2. J. Gordon Douglas, of New York, won from George I. Scott, of New York, 3 to 0. C. S. Lee and Fulton Cutting won by default.

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WILSON IS FACING A PROBLEM

Town Right Where It Started a Year Ago in Matter of Light, Power and Streets.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27.—After all the labor of more than a year, Wilson is now right where the town was at the start—in the matter of money for the re-building of the light and power plant and the street improvements. The history of the effort to secure money for the work is a story of first one obstacle and then another.

Now that the bonds were finally sold—the buyers have announced that their attorneys positively decline to approve the act of the Legislature under which they were issued and the buyers will not take the bonds. The act is characterized as "too cumbersome" and is further not to the liking of the attorneys.

The town has had a hard time in the matter of municipal improvements. The act alluded to was passed after being drafted by a mass meeting of citizens, sent to the regular session of the Legislature and passed. Then when the special session convened, the bonds not having been sold, a special act was prepared and sent to that session. Wilson people thought the act was passed—but it finally appeared that through a clerical error in the Legislature the bill was not a law. In the meantime the financial horizon was brighter and inquiries were made for the bonds. In anxiety to sell the securities and feeling sure of the legality of the bonds, the town issued them under the act as passed by the regular session of the Legislature, and now they are refused.

Just what steps are to be taken is now problematical. The present light plant is not equal to the needs of the town and only the most careful attention on the part of Superintendent Grantham keeps the plant going. Engineers have been employed for the re-building and for the street work—and now no funds. The board of town commissioners are surely facing a problem.

COMING AFTER BUSINESS.

Pennsylvania Railroad Has Soliciting Headquarters in Carolina.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Because of the growing importance of the South as an originator of freight traffic, and in order to keep directly in touch with those shipping over its lines, the Pennsylvania Railroad system—on behalf of the companies east and west of Pittsburg—will on January 1, 1914, establish offices at three important points in the South—Atlanta, Charlotte and Jacksonville. R. Alan Turner has been appointed to the new position of district freight solicitor at Charlotte. His territory will include Southern Virginia and all of North Carolina.

The new territory with which the Pennsylvania is thus seeking to establish closer relations, will include Southern Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Mr. Turner will be the representative in North Carolina and Southern Virginia of the entire Pennsylvania system east and west of Pittsburg. While his appointment dates from January 1, 1914, he expects to open his office in Charlotte on December 29th.

For the convenient reference of the people of the territory to be served by Mr. Turner, the Pennsylvania has issued a notice giving a list of those cities to the business of which he will pay special attention. These include in North Carolina: Asheville, Belhaven, Charlotte, Durham, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Kinston, Newbern, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Tarboro, Washington, Wilmington and Wilson.

MR. LOUIS WAKEFIELD KILLED.

Death of an Infant—Two Marriages. "Joy Partakers."

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27.—In the mayor's court yesterday the Christmas "joy partakers" had their inning with a corresponding increase of the balance in the city treasury. The cost of the yuletide drunk as fixed by his honor was $4.25 each. Anthony Battle, a negro, was given a hearing on the charge of having stolen the money and clothes of another negro, the total amount taken running over $250, and was held for trial in the Superior court.

Justice of the Peace W. R. Wood reports two marriage ceremonies last Tuesday evening. Miss Eaul Fuller was married to Mr. A. E. Phillips, the ceremony occurring at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith. Later Mrs. Nettie Ferrall Raper was married to Mr. Frank H. Raper, this ceremony being performed at the office of the justice.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lucas, of Lodge street died Wednesday after a brief illness. The funeral service was held yesterday and the body was laid away at Maplewood cemetery.

Friends here received a telegram yesterday telling of an automobile accident in Louisville, Ky., in which Mr. Louis Wakefield, of Shelbyville, was killed. Mr. Wakefield spent the recent tobacco season in Wilson with Berger & Holderby.

SUCCESS AT NEWBERN.

Will Perpetuate Municipal Christmas Tree Practice.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—For the first time in the history of the city, Newbern this year had a municipal Christmas tree and it was such a complete success that the City Beautiful Club, who were responsible for the erection of the tree, have decided to perpetuate the practice. The club decided to erect the tree after hearing that Charlotte, Wilmington and Greensboro were to have a similar one and it was placed at the corner of Middle and Broad streets, right in the business section of the city.

BOY DEFENDS MOTHER.

Shot and Killed Father Who Threatened Her With Knife.

Ochlochnee, Ga., Dec. 27.—Hershal Watson a 17-year-old boy who last night shot and killed his father, William Watson, at their home near here told authorities today that he acted in defense of his mather, whom he said Watson was threatening with a knife. The boy was placed under arrest.

The elder Watson was a farmer. According to the story of Hershel Watson, his father first attempted to burn the Watson home and then threatened to kill his wife and their five children. It was when the enraged man seized a knife and made for Mrs. Watson, the boy said, that he fired upon him.

Eat a lunch at Southern Cafe and you will come again.
(advertisement.)

To Re-enter Race.

Hon. Charles R. Thomas, in Greensboro, yesterday announced definitely that he would be in the race for Congress in the Third district in the next campaign. His announcement to this effect followed closely that of ex-Judge O. H. Guion, of Newbern, who will also make the race for the seat now occupied by Hon. John M. Faison, of Faison, N. C.

LAST BREATH FOR HIS SLAYER

David Dawson, Dying, Asks That His Brother-in-Law, Charged With Crime, Be Not Prosecuted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 27.—David Dawson, dying in his home in Trent township on Christmas day, according to a belated report which reaches here, from injuries inflicted by his brother-in-law, Charles Brown, requested almost with his last words that the assailant not be prosecuted. Dawson, a young man of family, was surrounded by relatives whom he informed that he was possessed of a premonition that the end was inevitable and near. He stated that he didn't want Brown to suffer for his death, and that he had forgiven him.

Brown and Dawson were drinking last Sunday when they engaged in an altercation and the former stabbed the young farmer in the side and cut him on the wrist. When Dawson regained consciousness many hours afterwards he had no recollection of the difficulty that had occurred between the men during their carousal. It was thought for a time that he might recover, and he was thought to be gaining strength, but the reaction proved fatal. Dawson was arrested and released on a $200 bond early in the week. The bond will probably be increased.

'FRISCO TELEGRAPHERS' DEMAN

Boys Didn't Want to Scrub Office Without Extra Pay.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The demands of the 'Frisco Railway telegraphers for a revision of the wage scale and of the readjustment of working conditions, was presented to the officials of the road last May and conferences began with the officials last October.

Propositions submitted by the telegraphers and refused by the railroad company included:

That exclusive agents be put in the schedule the same as the agents who are required to handle telegrams or telephone messages.

A consecutive eight hour day for all except exclusive agents.

That a telegrapher taken from his home station to do relief work be paid for time lost in transit and be given expense money.

That telegraphers be not required to scrub waiting rooms, offices or outbuildings or handle mail between the postoffice and the station without extra pay.

That salaries of employes who serve express companies of a commercial telegraph company be increased by an amount equal to the average monthly salary paid by the express or telegraph company during 1912.

A 15 per cent wage increase for telegraphers.

That telegraphers be paid double time for Sunday work and for overtime.

SERENADERS FIRED UPON.

Oriental Newlyweds Fail to Appreciate "Concert."

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—To be shot at with a rifle while engaged in serenading a pair of newlyweds, was the fate which befell a young man at Oriental, Pamlico county, a night or two ago. On the day preceding the affair Lionel Daniels, of Oriental, and Miss Gene Hill, of Newport, came to Newbern and were quietly married. The nuptials came as a surprise to the numerous friends of the contracting parties, and upon their return home that night several of the young men of the town decided to serenade them.

The party went to the home of the groom and began their "concert." This evidently did not meet with the approval of some member of the household and after the singing had been in progress for several minutes, the barrel of a rifle was thrust from an upper window and a bullet was fired at the crowd. Happily this did not injure the young man whom it struck, merely tearing a piece off of his collar. Naturally, the party of serenaders made a quick get-away.

INFORMATION MAILED OUT.

Concerning the Many Changes Made in Parcel Post.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General has this week forwarded to nearly 60,000 postmasters information as to changes in parcel post rates and regulations effective January 1st, by order of Postmaster General Burleson. The orders provide for a reduction of rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones and for an increase of the weight limit to 50 pounds on parcels mailed for delivery in the first and second zones.

After March 15th, next, books shall be embraced in the fourth class of mail, regular zone rates being applied to parcels of books weighing over eight ounces. Parcels of eight ounces or less will be required to pay one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Robert Jones, White, Committed to Jail at Newbern Without Bond —Charges Very Grave.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—When arraigned for a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon, Robert Jones, the young white man who, it is claimed, on last Tuesday night committed a criminal assault on Mrs. W. C. Hobbs, whose home is on South Front street, the defendant, through his attorney, waived examination and was committed to jail without bond.

Jones is in a predicament which, if the charges are proven, may send him to the electric chair or get him a long term in the penitentiary. Last Tuesday night the police received a telephone call to hurry an officer to the Hobbs home. Policeman A. L. Bryan was dispatchtd to the scene and upon his arrival there was told by Mrs. Hobbs that shortly after 10 o'clock some one knocked at her door and, thinking it was her husband returning from Ayden, where he has been employed, she unlocked the door and that Jones pushed his way into the house, grasped her by the throat and committed a criminal assault upon her.

This story was corroborated by four of the woman's children who were in the house at the time. The children further stated that Jones told them he would kill them if they ever told any one of the affair. As soon as the officer learned the facts in the case he started out in search of the alleged offender and found him in a store on Middle street where he was placed under arrest and taken to jail. The preliminary hearing was to have been held on the following day but the woman's husband could not reach the city in time to be present and it was delayed.

Jones came to Newbern about two years ago from Oriental and has been in numerous scrapes. On Thanksgiving night he is alleged to have stolen a turkey from a local merchant and at the time of his last arrest was out on bond for this offense.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT ON FAYETTEVILLE STREET.

Mr. G. C. Trice Runs Down and Kills Colored Woman.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. G. C. Trice, a well known and popular young business man of this city, driving an automobile on Green street this afternoon, ran down and almost instantly killed Rhoda Carver, a colored woman from the east side of the Cape Fear. It seems that the impact of the machine broke the woman's neck, as well as one of her jaws.

Part of her clothing was torn off and wrapped on one of the wheels of the car. Two daughters of the woman were a short distance from the scene of the tragedy when it occurred, and they rushed to the spot screaming. The woman died within a few minutes after being struck. Mr. Trice immediately surrendered to the sheriff.

The accident occurred right near the heart of the city. Mr. Trice, accompanied by Mr. John D. Williams, was just approaching Eccles bridge, driving towards the old market house, when the woman stepped in front of the car to cross the street. Mr. Trice says he turned to the left in order to avoid her, but she became confused and hesitated and was run down—the whole tragedy occurring almost within the twinkling of an eye.

JUDGE ADAMS ASKS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Asheville Paper Fails to Make Charges Specific.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Following the failure of the Asheville Gazette-News to file specific charges against Judge Junius G. Adams, of the city police court, after publishing news stories and editorials in an effort to show that his usefulness on the bench is ended and that his "voluntary, or involuntary retirement" is necessary, in accordance with formal demands made by the judge upon the publication to make the charges specific, he, through his attorneys, has asked the board of aldermen to investigate his official actions.

The request was complied with and Monday was named as the date for the inquiry.

DIED OF BLOOD POISON.

Funeral of Goldsboro Citizen Conducted Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. Walter P. Wrenn, one of Goldsboro's prominent business men, aged 47 years, who died of blood poison Friday morning, was buried in Willow Dale cemetery this afternoon. The funeral service was conducted from the home by Revs. B. C. Thompson and N. H. D. Wilson, pastors of St. John's and St. Paul's M. E. churches, respectively. Mr. Wrenn was a lifelong member and officer of St. John's M. E. church of this city. He is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. Arthur Malone, of Portsmouth; little Miss Louise Wrenn and Walter P., Jr., of this city.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 27. — The submarine torpedo boat G-3, built by the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., for the United States government, was launched here today. The G-3 displaces 500 tons and is expected to make 5 1-2 knots an hour when submerged. Miss Marion Lake cristened the craft.

Warner's Feature—Three Reels:
"The Clue of the Broken Finger."
See the Sensational Escape and Capture.
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"Baldy Belmont as a Roman Gladiator."
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A Happy New Year
"Look out, and not in; look up, and not down; look forward and not back; and lend a hand."
THERE'S a good motto for all of us for the New Year. We're not sure that the quotation is exactly correct; but we've got the general idea there; Edward Everett Hale said it.
It's a good motto for men in business; for women in the home or in business, for all of us in all our relations to each other. We're trying to carry out that idea in this clothing business. It is shown by having here
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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Sept. 14, 1913. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90, ! 5:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:20 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.	No. 91, a 1:15 A.M.
No. 51, * 5:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 58, *12:20 A.M.
No. 64, ! 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65, ! 6:25 P.M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P.M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P.M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P.M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
No. 59, * 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A.M.
No. 43, * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Brailer Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk	No. 41, 10:00 A.M.
No. 57, ! 7:00 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Conway and Intermediate stations.	No. 88, ! 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ! Daily except Sunday. b Sunday only. a Daily except Monday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 6th, 1913.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park.	EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Beach.	WESTBOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	WESTBOUND. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington
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SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour, from 2:00 to 8:00 P. M
Leave Beach, every half hour, from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

* Daily, except Sunday.
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Daily Sleeper on No. 19, for Charlotte and Intermediate Points, open at 10 o'clock P. M.

No. 13—3:45 P. M.; arrive Hamlet, 7:30 P. M. Leave Hamlet, 8:00 P. M.; arrive Charlotte, 11:10 P. M. Connects at Hamlet with through trains for Atlanta, Birmingham, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, also Norfolk, Richmond and All Points North.

Pullman Chair Car Between Wilmington and Charlotte.

No. 23—6 P. M.; arrives Hamlet, 10:00 P. M. Connects at Hamlet with train for Raleigh and Norfolk.

TRAINS ARRIVE WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M., from Charlotte and Intermediate Points.

No. 24—10:00 A. M., from Hamlet and Intermediate points.

No. 14—11:20 A. M., from Charlotte and Intermediate points.

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Lv. Durham	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
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ALL DRAFTS, checks, express money orders, and postal money orders, for the paper should be made payable, and all communications should be addressed to THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

Sunday, December 28, 1913.

Cheer up! Christmas comes but once a year.

When a man runs up his expenses he runs down his credit.

Men perspire, aspire and expire. That's about all there is to it.

When a North Carolina officeholder is fired he makes a louder noise than is made by the concussion of a disappearing gun at Fort Caswell.

This is the last Sunday in 1913. It is a good day to engage in reflections, come to a firm conclusion and adopt new resolutions for the new year.

Says a contemporary: "North Carolina ought to go after settlers." Watch the merchants go after them during the first ten days of the New Year.

Senator Root says the young men must come to the front. As a matter of fact, the young men are always coming to the front but the old men are close around and want all the front for themselves.

Wouldn't any hog develop into a razor-back if he is allowed to run wild in the woods and root over many square miles of territory in a day? Evidently rooting gives a hog backbone and spareribs.

Says the New Orleans Picayune: "There are two sides to every office—the outside and the inside." The rush from the outside to try to get on the inside causes all the clamor and noise we hear every two to four years.

During the year that has now gone glimmering, Charlotte invested more than $1,500,000 in new buildings. No one expected that the City of Electrical Energy would do anything else than go right ahead turning on "the juice."

Seminole county, Florida, recently formed by the Legislature, has decided to build brick roads through its richest farming sections. Probably old counties would get a move on them if they were made into new counties.

When crop production falls below the average necessary to meet the demand, big prices bring about a redistribution of wealth among the tillers of the soil. They will better their land and enlarge their operations, so there will be plenty next Fall.

The Jacksonville Times-Union notes that "Miss Alice Hill Crittenden is president of the New York Anti-Suffrage Association." It is presumed that Miss Alice is known for her fighting qualities, else the militant suffragettes will hurt her feelings by calling her a bump on a log.

The Clyde Line steamships are carrying hundreds of tourists to Florida. The Star urged last year that the steamers coming here would bring visitors to Wilmington if we would prepare to entertain them. Probably we will be prepared by next Winter. Then, how about the Wilmington-to-Pinehurst highway, so tourists for the North Carolina resorts can come by steamer, bring their motor cars and take the highway for the interior?

A poet who wrote "Verses to My Charmer" is in trouble because he did not dedicate the lines to his wife. She is yet unable to see through his explanation that the poem was a mere figment of the brain and a piece of rhymthmic technicality of expression. She thinks it came from the heart, but the lady is wrong. He wrote it as if he were someone else and not himself, which poets can do. The probability is that he wrote it for a Johnny who is a friend of his.

Says the Philadelphia Record: "It is understood that a South American branch of the Ananias Club will be established." Wherefore, it must be inferred that some South Americans have not agreed with things as Colonel Roosevelt states them. He never eats his words and rather than swallow them he claims that what he said was deliberately misrepresented. If he would make a declaration so it could be understood without its having to be interpreted, he would not get into disputes with so many men everywhere he goes.

FINE NEW SCHOOL FOR SAMPSON.

The Star is pleased to acknowledge receipt of the 1914 catalogue of the Pineland school for girls, a new educational institution of advanced ideas at Salemburg, Sampson county, North Carolina. The Spring term opens next Wednesday and closes May 22nd, and the standard and equipment of the school are such that The Star desires to extend hearty congratulations to Sampson county upon the advanced step taken for the education of her daughters. However, the institute is open to girls from any county and its advantages are such that its capacity should be taxed from the start.

Prof. W. J. Jones is president of the Pineland school for girls, and he is surrounded by a capable faculty of seven experienced and accomplished teachers. The school is non-denominational, but while its aim will be strictly educational, church attendance is required and deportment must be exemplary. The curriculum includes a thorough literary course which will prepare students for the leading colleges and universities. Superior advantages are offered to those who wish to make public school teaching a specialty. Excellent instruction will be given in music, art, expression and domestic science, and in every respect Pineland will offer fine opportunities for the girls who elect to take the excellent course.

The new collegiate building is a handsome structure, pretty in its architectural design, well equipped for class purposes, and modernly equipped as to class rooms and other appointments. The building contains pure running water, is steam heated throughout and in all the rooms there are hot and cold baths. The dormitory is neat and under special supervision as to sanitary conditions and general comforts. The school has its own electric lighting plant, and among its other attractions is an elegant parlor, beautiful reception room, and a pretty and commodious dining room. The service in the dining room will be under supervision of the teachers, and as the president's family and all lady teachers occuppy the building, the students will enjoy the advantages of home surroundings. The school not only proposes to educate the mind, but the home science department will prepare them for scientific housekeeping, while there will be a gymnasium and athletic grounds for healthful exercise and robust development of the body.

There is no wonder that Pineland is a source of pride to the people of Sampson, and we are rejoiced that it represents marked educational progress in that fine old county. Salemburg is located in a salubrious pine region, in the same lattitude with Southern Pines, and yet the section has the advantage that the altitude is not so high as to affect its genial Winter climate. The best of all is that $12 per month will cover board, room, light, heat, baths, etc., and the literary tuition will be only $3 per month, while music and other elected courses can be taken on reasonable terms.

Roseboro is the nearest railroad station, which place is eight miles from Salemburg, the postoffice and location of the institution.

A GOOD-GET-FACTORIES PLAN.

Wilmington gets a good boost in the editorial columns of the Manufacturers' Record on account of the recent activities of the Chamber of Commerce in taking steps to get in touch with prospectors who are seeking locations for new industries or for the removal of factories from other points. The editorial of our esteemed and highly valued contemporary is greatly appreciated in Wilmington, but it is nothing new that this sterling publication has given this city attention in a way that will promote the movement here for development on substantial lines. It is only in keeping with the policy of that great Southern publication in giving broad scope to its effective purposes in attracting attion to and promoting in various ways the upbuilding of the entire South. Its influence is national while its efforts are sectional, and in Wilmington and wherever we have been in the South, it is recognized as the greatest of all Southern promoters.

Recently the Chamber of Commerce accumulated a mass of information bearing upon the many activities of Wilmington and with reference to its advantages and opportunities for industries. In order to get in touch with prospectors and furnish them information on the line that would interest them specially, the chamber grouped and printed the following subject to be marked for return information in extenso:

Wilmington as a great Atlantic port.
Rail and water facilities.
Wilmington as a banking center.
Wilmington as a distributing point.
Manufacturing sites available.
Wilmington as a commercial center.
Undeveloped farm and timber lands.
Profit in truck growing and early gardening.
Wilmington as an industrial center.
Wilmington as a site for fertilizer factories, canning factories, saw, planing and dressing mills, etc.

The Record says the work of the chamber is "a good piece of publicity work for Wilmington," and it explains its object as follows:

"These itemized groups have been printed on a folding postcard with a block opposite each and the card is being circulated widely among inquirers about opportunities at Wilmington and its vicinity so that the inquirer may indicate his special wish and insure prompt receipt of the desired information. The folding postal card plan offers a great chance for a systematized collection of practical information and its distribution in quarters where it will be most effective in bringing about results."

It certainly is work along the right line and it is gratifying to learn that already inquiries are coming in from northern and southern cities inquiring for special information which the chamber is sending out in printed form.

THE COAST LINE'S NEW PRESIDENT.

The election of Capt. John R. Kenly as president of the Atlantic Coast Line has called for widespread approval, as The Star knew it would. One of the most appreciative press notices comes from his former home city in this editorial from the Manufacturers' Record:

"The election of John R. Kenly to be president of the Atlantic Coast Line, filling the vacancy created by the death of Thomas M. Emerson, was the logical thing to do in the premises. He is a civil engineer as well as an operating railroad man, and thus possesses eminent qualifications to be desired in the post of chief executive of a large transportation system. Moreover, he is especially well fitted for the place by reason of having been 30 years or more in the service of the company, steadily advancing from one position to another—his last duties being those of vice president, in charge of operation—until he is now elected for the presidency. He lives at Wilmington, N. C., where the Coast Line headquarters are situated. Mr. Kenly was born in Baltimore in 1847 and began his railroad career as a civil engineer, one of his works being the building of the Union tunnel of the Northern Central Railway in Baltimore. He entered the service of the Atlantic Coast Line about 1880 and has been connected with it ever since. He is recognized as one of the ablest railroad men in the South and he will have the responsibility of supervising the extensive betterments which the company is now making upon its lines between Virginia and Florida. While it is true that much has been done, a great deal is in progress and there will be more to come, so that he will be called upon to give even more time than ever to the welfare of the system. The choice of Mr. Kenly to fill the important post of president is a credit to the board as well as a deserved appreciation of a faithful and able officer."

The above shows how well known is the new president, and while here the fine capabilities of the new president have been known for a quarter of a century, it is gratifying in this, his home city, that proper estimate is placed upon him throughout the country.

CLYDE TERMINALS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

The Clyde Line has made arrangements to immediately rebuild its docks, recently destroyed by fire at Charleston, but owing to the scarcity of labor during the holidays, the steamships which touch at Charleston and Jacksonville are sailing direct to the latter port without touching at Charleston. However, the new docks which were destroyed will be replaced in every particular to correspond with the handsome terminal which met with disaster a few weeks ago. The Clyde Line also will soon make extensive improvements and additions to its terminals at Palatka, Florida, where the service was recently improved. The piers will be extended and a commodious warehouse will be erected.

It is gratifying to learn that arrangements are being completed to begin construction on the Clyde's new terminals at Wilmington, and it will be among the important new constructive work that will be done here during the coming year. The company expects to extend its operations at all our South Atlantic ports, and the line's ownership of its own terminals indicates that it is a fixture among the coastwise water carriers on the South Atlantic. It is better and more frequent service that will promote our commerce, and that is one thing that is in store for Wilmington during the year to be ushered in next Thursday.

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE SOUTH.

During 1913 the South kept up pretty close with its record in building railroads, having fallen short only 41 miles of its 1912 record. During the present year the new lines built represent a mileage of 1,685, while many new lines have been projected and companies formed in various States for railroad building.

North Carolina built 134.69 miles during this year and has 168 projected for 1914. Texas led with 566.06 miles; Arkansas came next with 209.20, and North Carolina stood third in the list. South Carolina's construction was 116.50 miles, with 88.50 miles projected for the coming year.

"The Aldrich currency bill!" Where have we heard those words before? Well, it was only proposed, but afttr copies of it had been printed by the millions and distributed all over the country, after tons of literature favoring it had been broadcasted, after a magazine had been established to boost it, and after magazine and newspaper articles by the wholesale had appeared in its behalf, the people fought shy of currency reform coming from the source of its inspiration. Why? It put the money monopolists in control of the people's currency.

The National banks are using the wires to get into the new financial system of the Democratic administration. The mail is too slow for them to use it for expressing their satisfaction with the new currency act. It is one big piece of constructive legislation that will prove a monument to Democratic constructivity.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Former Judge Owen H. Guion, of Newbern, announces that he will be in the running against Congressman Faison. Former Congressman Chas. R. Thomas, of Newbern, and Mr. George R. Hood, of Goldsboro, are also said to be trimming for the contest.—Raleigh Times.

More cotton was consumed in our mills in 1913 than ever before. And all the consumption did not occur before the enactment of the new tariff. In the month following that the consumption of the staple exceeded that of last year. The wheels are still turning, and the Republicans will find it increasingly difficult as time passes to scare the country into a condition of business prostration.—Philadelphia Record.

The road commissioners of Rutherford county have decided that the $250,000 available from a bond issue for building new roads there will only be used in sections where the commissioners will not be confronted with damage suits. It is rather a strange commentary upon the wisdom of the times that we find here and there with exceptional frequency a class of people who want damages no matter how vast is the improvement that some public enterprise will immediately work out for them. The decision of the commissioners in question is wise and if followed out more strictly, where at all possible, the effect might be produced of breaking up the habit of running to the courts on every slight provocation for damages. —Charlotte Chronicle.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Where Religious Services Will be Conducted Today.

Rev. G. T. Adams will preach at the Bladen Street Methodist church at 11 A. M. today, the pastor, Rev. T. G. Vickers, being out of town with the funeral of Mrs. Mary Futch. The pastor will preach at 7:30 P. M. Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder, will preach at Fifth Street Methodist church at 11 A. M. The pastor will preach at the usual evening hour.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth and Ann stretts—First mass 7 A. M. Last mass and sermon 10:30 A. M. Vespers, instruction on Catholic doctrine 8 P. M.

The Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding eider, will preach at the Fifth Street Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock, holding his first quarterly meeting for the chosen tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Every official member of the church is expected to be present. The pastor, Rev. G. T. Adams, will preach tonight at 7:30. A cordial invitation extended the public.

Southside Baptist church, corner of Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor—Morning worship at 11 o'clock by the pastor. Night service at 7:30. Rev. E. G. Mintz will preach for the pastor. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. Friday night at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

The Christian Science services are held in the church edifice, corner 17th and Market streets, Sunday at 11 A. M. Christian Science Sunday school is held immediately after close of the morning service. Wednesday evening services are held in same edifice at 8 P. M. The reading room adjoining the church building is open daily except Sundays and legal holidays from 3:30 to 5 P. M. The public is cordially invited to all services and the reading room.

St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran church, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor—Services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Special Christmas music will be rendered at both services. Sunday school 10 A. M. Luther League at 6:45 P. M. Catechetial class on Friday at 7 o'clock.

St. James' church, Rev. Wm. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 P. M. Organ recital at 7:45. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Brooklyn Baptist church, J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject: "The Christian's Inventory." Night subject: "The World That God Loves." Junior B. Y. P. U. Sunday 10 A. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. The Sunday school Christmas entertainment Wednesday night 8 o'clock. Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night, and teacher's meeting Friday night. A cordial welcome to all services.

St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Holy communion 7:30 A. M. Service and sermon 11 A. M. Special Sunday school service 4 P. M. Evening prayer and sermon 8 P. M. Seats free. All are cordially invited.

St. John's mission, 1313 North Fourth street. Sunday school 9:30 A. M. Christmas tree Monday night 7:30 P. M. Everybody welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The morning sermon will present the subject: "Jesus, the Saviour of Old and Young." The evening sermon, "Three Angelic Rejoicings." Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Visitors are always welcome. Meeting of the Mengert Missionary Circle Monday at 3:30 P. M. The Christian Association will meet Monday at 8 P. M.

Grace Methodist church, corner of Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject at morning service, "Taking Inventory." At night, "The Closed Door." Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock, M. F. Allen, superintendent. Watch night service Wednesday evening from 11:15 to 12 o'clock. Epworth League Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The public cordially invited to all services.

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets—Worship 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject, "The Touch of Faith." Evening, "The Purchased Possession." Sunday school 9:45 A. M. J. H. Foster, pastor.

Trinity Methodist church, corner of Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. by the pastor; Sunday school at 3:30 P. M., M. B. Wilson, superintendent. At 7:30 P. M., Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, will preach. Epworth League Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. To all services of the church the public is cordially invited.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION.

Old Slave Glad That He Has Been Spared to Witness a Reunion.

Editor of Morning Star:

I hope you will allow me space in your valuable paper (of which I have been a subscriber for 40 years) to show my appreciation and gratitude for what the white people of New Hanover county have planned to do for the ex-slaves. I am an ex-slave of Governor Edward B. Dudley, first Governor of North Carolina elected by the people. I am truly glad that the Almighty in His wise providence has spared me to see a reunion of the ex-slaves and to reach the ripe age of 71 years. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Your humble servant,
SIMON A. RICHARDSON.

—The unknown sailor at the James Walker Memorial Hospital who was found on the streets Christmas night unconscious, is still in a critical condition. He has not recovered consciousness for any length of time. It is believed that he was assaulted by another sailor. Owing to his inability to speak English and to his dazed condition his name has not been learned.

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(advertisement.)

REMNANTS

Of Toys and Christmas Goods!

TO ALL WHO ARE SEEKING GIFTS FOR XMAS TREES WE OFFER THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

All Toys Must be Closed Out. One-Fourth Off on All Toys and Fancy Goods Suitable for Christmas Trees.

J. H. Rehder & Co.

ANNOUNCES APPONTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston Investigates Meat Cost.

Washington, December 27.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston tonight announced the appointment of a special committee of experts to conduct a general inquiry into various factors which contribute to the present unsatisfactory meat production conditions in the United States. The announcement prescribes that the committee will investigate "especially in reference to the effect with a view to suggesting possible methods for improvement."

The personnel of the committee includes:

Dr. B. T. Galloway, assistant secretary of agriculture, chairman; Dr. H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural College; Prof. C. F. Curtiss, dean of Iowa State College; Prof. H. W. Mumford, professor of animal husbandry, University of Illinois; Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. T. N. Carver, director of rural organization service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The committee's work, it is stated, will center largely on the study of economic questions involved in the production, transportation, slaughter and marketing of meat. The committee will investigate the changes within the last two or three decades which have increased cost of production and the centralizing of the meat industry. Among important considerations to be inquired into, will be the taking up of the public lands, the effect of the capacity of the range, especially on the remaining public lands and forest reserves, with a view to suggesting changes in the laws to make the public lands of greater use in cattle raising. The committee also will give special attention to the economic changes in meat production and distribution brought about through the centralizing of slaughtering and meat preparations in large packing establishments and the changes in transportation and similar matters which have resulted from this centralization and other causes.

MISS PAGE IN A SMASHUP.

Ambassador's Daughter Escapes Without Injury.

London, Dec. 27.—Miss Katharine A. Page, daughter of Walter H. Page, the American ambassador, escaped without injury when an automobile in which she was driving Christmas day smashed into a wall and was wrecked at Barnes, a southwestern suburb of London. Her companion, Harold Fowler, the ambassador's secretary, was slightly bruished on one of his legs.

—G. W. Nixon, colored, was arrested last night by Plainclothesman B. W. Jacobs on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. It is alleged that he drew a pistol on another negro. He was lodged in the city prison.

DO YOU PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRIES?

Those of you who have been making your purchases away from Wilmington should think before patronizing mail order and houses away from home any further.

Who sympathized with you when your little girl was sick? Was it the mail order house?

Who carried you last winter when you were out of a job and had no money? Was it the mail order house or was it your home merchant?

When you want to raise money for the church or for some needy person in town, do you write to the mail order house, or do you go to your home merchant?

How much does the mail order house give towards keeping up sidewalks or paying the minister's salary?

When you were sick how many nights did the mail order house sit up with you?

When you had to raise money to pay your gas bill, did you get it from the mail order house or a home merchant or contractor?

When your loved one was buried, was it your home merchant who dropped the tear of sympathy and uttered the cheering word, or was it the mail order house?

PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS

SOUTHERN HOTEL
—EUROPEAN—
FINEST CAFE IN THE CITY
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT
Special Attention to Ladies. We Invite You to Call.

January Clearance Sale

In view of the fact that our New Spring Goods will begin to arrive in a few days, we find it necessary to start our January Prices on Winter Goods at once. We here mention the Big Items:

——100 PRS. BLANKETS
——50 COMFORTABLES
——15 SUITS—THAT'S ALL
——25 COATS
——15 SETS FURS

SALE STARTS MONDAY, DECEMBER 29th.

G. HENRY HAAR
111 CHESTNUT ST.

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL MEETING

Cape Fear Council, U. C. T., Host to Wives and Friends—Address by Rev. F. B. Clausen.

The member of Cape Fear Council, No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, were hosts to their wives and lady friends at an enjoyable social meeting last night in the council parlor in the Murchison National Bank building, the occasion being the annual social gathering of the council. Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, was the guest of honor, and made a splendid address on the cardinal principles of the order.

The meeting was opened at 8 o'clock with an invocation by Rev. F. B. Clausen, following which Mr. L. H. Burnett in a short speech that was full of the good humor and enthusiasm, characteristic of the traveling fraternity, welcomed the ladies to the hall. This was the first time that the ladies have attended the social meetings of the council, but it will assuredly not be the last. While they enjoyed it they added so much to the pleasure of the members that they hope to have them present often.

Tribute to Rev. Mr. Clausen.

The speaker of the evening was introduced in fitting words of praise for the splendid work that he has done since he has been a pastor here and for the great interest that he has taken in the city's varied activities by Mr. C. J. Roberts, senior councilor.

In beginning his brief but inspiring address Mr. Clausen thanked the senior councilor for his kind words and assured him of his desire to aid in any way possible the splendid work that the commercial travelers are doing through their organization. He congratulated them for having such splendid principles on which to found the order. It was fitting, indeed, he declared, that the men whose business it is to extend the bounds of business and commerce should at the same time remember those fundamental principles that make life really worth living.

Unity, charity and temperance are the three words that are used to express the cardinal principles of the order and there are not three more expressive words in the language, the speaker continued. Around them has been erected one of the great commercial organizations that is doing so much to scatter the gospel of good cheer. They are banded together for the purpose of protecting their loved ones from want and need, yet at the same time they recognize the call for charity to others as well and nowhere will be found a more charitable class of men than the commercial traveler. And the day has also arrived when temperance is recognized as one of the dominant principles of every well regulated life, he said.

The address was brief and to the point. It was expressive of the high ideals of the order which is one of the most progressive and at the same time one of the most aggressive of modern times. The local council are greatly indebted to Rev. Mr. Clausen for the splendid address.

At the close of the address came a short intermision during which delightful refreshments were served by Mr. C. T. McKeithan and his assistants of the Everglade Cafe. This was thoroughly enjoyed and was one of the most pleasant features of the evening. Several enjoyable musical selections were rendered by Mr. O. O. Whitlock's orchestra which also played before the beginning of the programme.

Mr. W. O. Page Absent.

Mr. W. O. Page, a past senior councilor, and one of the most active members of the order, was scheduled to make an address on "The Benefits and Objects of the Order," but unfortunately on account of illness he was prevented from being present. He had a splendid substitute, however, in Mr. L. H. Burnett who in a short address outlined briefly the purposes of the order. He explained that it helps the widow and the orphan and that at all times it stands for the highest and best in life.

Mysteries Revealed to Ladies.

Then came the star feature of the evening for the ladies, for they were allowed the privilege of seeing the actual process of initiation of several likely candidates into the mysteries of the order. The goat proved to be unruly and the candidates had a hard time to keep from being thrown to the floor, but at last they successfully made the round of the large hall. Then came the passage through the tunnel, which proved to be a trying ordeal. In order to test their strength for fighting the hard battles that every commercial traveler must undergo the candidates were put through a strenuous boxing contest. Finally they completed the hard tests which had been arranged for making them full fledged "knights of the grips" and were given a cordial welcome into the inner shrine of the council.

At the close of this interesting part of the programme cigars and cigarettes were passed around to the gentlemen and candies for the ladies. The meeting was then adjourned with the benediction by the chaplain.

The committee on arrangements for the delightful affair was composed of Messrs. L. H. Burnett, H. H. Pearsall and I. C. Loftin. It might well be styled a "better acquaintance" night, for it was an informal affair without any frills and furbelows. It was a great success from every standpoint and will long be remembered by those present because of its many pleasant features.

FUNERAL OF MRS. COOPER.

Services from Residence of Daughter Yesterday Morning.

Attended by many friends, impressive funeral services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of Mr. W. M. Cumming, No. 115 Church street, in memory of Mrs. Sue A. Cooper, mother of Mrs. Cumming, whose death occurred Friday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who paid a beautiful tribute to the life and character of the deceased.

Through the long years that she had lived she was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and was ready for death when it came. It was her privilege to keep her usual good health until a few days before she passed away and she found joy and pleasure in serving others. Many beautiful designs attested the love and esteem in which she was held by a host of friends in the city and elsewhere. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. B. Huntington, R. W. Hicks, C. W. Worth, A. M. Hall, W. H. Shearin and Col. Walker Taylor.

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(advertisement.)

Sunday at Southern Cafe, fine luncheon, 12 to 3 P. M.
(advertisement.)

Addressed United Commercial Travelers.

Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, this city, who last night was one of the principal speakers at the annual social gathering of Cape Fear Council No. 374, U. C. T., of Wilmington.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Noted Speakers Will Visit Wilmington Third Sunday in January—The Movement.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the approaching Missionary Confertnce to be held in Wilmington the third Sunday and Monday in January, participated in by the congregations of the various churches of the city in harmony with the general movement throughout the United States and Canada, which will be featured by the visit of noted missionary workers and speakers.

Prof. R. E. Gaines, of Richmond, Va., is arranging the programme for the Wilmington conference and has assured the local committee of an exceptionally strong array of speakers, which will make the conference most interesting and profitable. The mass meeting in the First Baptist church will be the opening feature, following by meetings at the Y. M. C. A. Monday and closing with a supper complimentary to the visitors Monday evening. The publicity committee is working up interest in the surrounding towns and hope to have a large delegation from each one of these places in order that the purpose of the movement may be thoroughly appreciated throughout the conference district.

Beginning with the first of January meetings of the various committees, appointed to work out the details of the conference, will be held and a general campaign to work up interest in the conference will result.

In summing up the objects of the great movement the United Missionary Campaign headquarters in New York recently made the following appeal to the people:

"The home and foreign missionary leaders of the United States and Canada have decided to engage this Winter in the most extensive and important piece of co-operative work which they have ever undertaken. The object in view is to enlist a far larger number of church members as intelligent missionary workers, supporters and intercessors. Of the more than twenty millions of Protestant church members in North America, less than one-half of them are doing anything or giving anything to meet the missionary needs either at home or abroad.

"In addition to aggressive educational plans to be carried forward within the various denominations, there will be several hundred two-day missionary conferences held throughout the United States and Canada. More than twenty teams of experienced speakers are already organized for the efficient conduct of these conferences.

"This extensive campaign is planned to lead up to a simultaneous personal canvass in March, 1914, for all missionary purposes, on the part of all the churches, of all denominations, so far as they can be led to undertake it. More than two hundred speakers will participate in the educational campaign. Probably hundreds of thousands of men will assist in the simultaneous canvass for missionary subscriptions. The entire effort should mean a marked quickening of the spiritual life of many thousands of churches, resulting in greatly increased Christian activity and liberality.

"In view of the vast issues involved, the executive committee of the United Missionary Campaign appeals to Christian people everywhere to join in frequent prayer for God's clear guidance and manifested presence and power in connection with this entire undertaking. In private prayer, at the family altars, in the stated church services, and in many other meetings called especially for the purpose, it is most earnestly urged that unceasing prayer be offered for a mighty spiritual quickening that will enable the church to strengthen and enlarge its work so as to meet worthily the present critical and stupendous opportunities both at home and abroad. Nothing less than a general and profound spiritual quickening among the churches will meet the present emergency. This quickening will come, and can only come, when fervent prayer is offered unceasingly to God, to this end. 'In any land a revival will come when enough people desire it enough—that is, above everything.'"

Take care of your eyes. Good eyeglasses, properly fitted, will help you. Dr. Vineberg, the eye specialist at the Masonic Temple, will test your eyes and furnish you the kind of glasses you need. No charge for consultation. (advertisement.)

EXTENSION OF PARCEL POST

Heavier Packages May Be Sent Through Mails After January 1st—Other Particulars.

Postmaster Green has recently received from the third assistant postmaster general a notice regarding the extension of weights for parcel post packages which will go into effect on January 1st. After that time the limit of the weight of parcels for delivery within the first and second zones will be increased from 20 to 50 pounds and in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth zones from 11 to 20 pounds.

The rates for postage for the first and second zones will remain the same which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound. For the third zone, six cents will be charged for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound; for the fourth zone, seven cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound; for the fifth zone, eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound; for the sixth zone, nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound.

No change has been made with respect to the size of fourth-class or parcel post mail. Parcels of such matter greater in size than 72 inches in length and girth combined shall not be accepted for mailing. It is expected that the extension of the limit for the weight of the packages will prove the means of greatly enlarging the business of the Postoffice Department.

Another interesting announcement recently made is that after March 16th, 1914, books may be sent as fourth-class matter. They are now classed as third-class matter on which the postage is higher. The rate of postage, under the new classification, for books weighing eight ounces or less will be one cent for each two ounces and on those weighing in excess of eight ounces the regular zone rate will apply.

Another announcement recently made will not prove of interest to many people in this section but will probably be of service to some of those in Alaska. The new ruling states that gold coin, gold bullion, and gold dust between any two points in Alaska and between any point in Alaska and any point in the United States when enclosed in sealed packages not exceeding 11 pounds in weight can be sent by registered mail. The rate of postage will be two cents an ounce for each two ounces in addition to the regular registry fee.

Postmaster Green is highly gratified with the splendid business done by the Wilmington office during the holidays and believes that when the people become thoroughly familiar with its operation that the business will greatly increase. It is the policy of the Postoffice Department to extend the facilities as rapidly as the means permit. For the transportation of parcels of merchandise, farm and factory products and miscellaneous articles it offers a cheap, expeditious and efficient means.

PROPOSITION APPROVED.

Mr. Hugh MacRae Authorized to Make Contract With the City.

The board of directors of the Tidewater Power Company, in special session yesterday, approved the proposal recently made to the City Council by Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the company, relative to street lighting. Mr. MacRae was authorized to enter into a contract on the terms proposed. The directors also discussed other important matters. It is likely that the proposal as to a reduction of 10 per cent from either the Charlotte or Raleigh rate for street lighting and for the installation of ornamental poles in the down town district will be put in writing and submitted to the Council for action within a few days.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Alva L. Mincy and wife to Mary Herring, wife of J. Q. Herring, for $500, lot on north side of Wright street, 33 feet east of Fourth, 33x66 feet in size; the American Suburban Corporation to W. A. Woods, for $475, lots 11 and 12 in block 22, Carolina Place, being on north side of Pender avenue, 330 feet west of 20th street, 66x113 feet in size; by another the same company transfers to Mr. Woods lot 10 in block 15, Carolina Place, same being on east side of Wrightsville avenue, 220 feet north of Motts avenue, 33x113 feet in size.

DATA FROM FAYETTEVILLE

Public Works Commission Gives Wilmington Benefit of Interesting Figures—Council.

The meeting of the City Council tomorrow morning promises to be one full of interest. The question of a municipal lighting system will come in for extended discussion, most likely, as Councilman Wood has announced that he intends to re-open the entire matter at that time. He will also bring up the question of beginning without further delay the drilling of a battery of deep wells from which to obtain the public water supply.

In considering the lighting question Councilman Wood will present for the information of his colleagues a letter which he has just received from Mr. H. J. McBuie, secretary of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, with reference to what has been accomplished in that city by the municipal plant, the rates, income, etc. Councilman Wood has challenged certain statements made by Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company, before the Council last week, and later printed in the local press as advertisements, relative to the Fayetteville plant. He wrote Mr. McBuie, the secretary of the Public Works Commission, and in reply received a letter that substantiates the statements previously made to Council by Councilman Wood relative to the rates, revenue, etc., of the Fayetteville plant. This letter will be presented to Council tomorrow morning, and is as follows:

"Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 23, 1913.
"Mr. T. W. Wood, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your valued favor of the 19th, with the enclosed advertisement of the Tidewater Power Co., which I have read with interest.

"It is such reports as ours, and better, coming from almost every proper managed municipal electric light plant that causes trusts and corporations with their subsidized newspaper allies to wage an unrelenting warfare against public ownership of public utilities; however, their unwarranted attacks and perversions of facts only serve to stimulate those in charge of publtic utilities in redoubling thier efforts to give better service and lower rates than they possibly can with their watered stocks and highly paid officials.

"In connection with the statement of the Tidewater Power Company 'that we buy our current for 1c per k.w.h. and that the earnings we have made is by reason of said contract', we will say that the company with which we have this contract has not been able to furnish us with 1-20th of the current we have used, and that the earnings have been made with a steam plant and the same has been operated by the city.

"Second. Their statement of loss in privilege taxes of $975 and taxes on poles of $150 we will say that the city does not levy this tax upon any other corporation doing business within the city; then why should we charge our own plant with it? The Tidewater Power Co., has in this statement charged us with the loss of more taxes than we collect out of all other public service corporations doing business within the city, to-wit: Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co., Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., Western Union Telegraph Co., Postal Telegraph Co., and others, including three railroads.

"Third. The statement that we pay $1.75 for gas is an error; our rate is $1.50 per thousand.

"Fourth. The Tidewater Power Co. seems to think that we have an unusually low contract at 1c per k.w.h. Several other cities are enjoying the same rate. Greenwood, S. C., has even a better rate, and the city of Charlotte, N. C., has hotels that are not paying more.

"In conclusion will say that if this city can operate 24 hours per day with a capacity of ten times your requirements, for street lights, with a total expense of $14,000 per year, then don't you think you could operate 12 hours per day for about one-third of this expense, which would make your street lights cost you $4,666.

"Write to A. J. Sproles, Greenwood, S. C., and ask him to send you a copy of their last annual report; also to advise you what they are paying for power.

"Very truly yours,
"H. J. McBUIE, Secretary."

Mr. MacRae's Reply.

Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company, last night made the following statement in reply to the above letter:

"It is natural that Mr. McBuie should come back to endeavor to support his figures and show a profit for the Fayetteville lighting plant. If he believed these figures and wished the citizens of Fayetteville to believe them it would have been best to have avoided publicity.

"It will certainly be worth $500 to him and to the citizens of Fayetteville, if he can prove that his figures tell the whole story and are correct. It may be worth several thousand dollars to them to know that his figures are wrong. The following is a very simple plan which cannot fail to benefit them and will eliminate futile discussion.

"If they will employ Messrs. Haskins & Sells to audit the accounts in question and if said accounts are found to correctly show the earnings, I will pay the bill for the audit, provided that if the true earnings are shown to be less than claimed by Mr. McBuie, the city of Fayetteville will pay for the audit. Any auditor of the standing of Haskins & Sells will be acceptable.

"Further, if the Fayetteville Traction Company did not furnish Mr. McBuie's plant, either directly or by paying for fuel, much more than one-twentieth of the power required, I am willing to forfeit the sum of $100 to some charity in Fayetteville.

"Again, the gas company in Fayetteville is owned by Mr. Wm. W. Randolph, consulting engineer of the Tidewater Power Company. His published rate for the year 1913 is $2 per 1,000 feet gross and $1.75 net for lighting and $1.50 per 1,000 feet net for combined fuel and lighting. Mr. McBuie's plant was competing with the lighting rate for gas at $1.75 per 1,000 feet as stated in Mr. Hunt's report.

"The loss of taxes by the city of Fayetteville was referred to in order to illustrate what they could have made by taxing a private plant as the city of Wilmington taxes the Tidewater Power Company.

"As to Greenwood, S. C., it for some years has been supplied with electric current by the Savannah River Power Company under a contract, a copy of which we have on file. Our firm financed the building of the Savannah River Power Company to the extent of one-half the cost of the plant and at one time owned one-half the securities of the company.

"The rate charged Greenwood was $40 per horse power per year, which is $2.35 per kilowatt hour on the usual lighting load factor. Mr. McBuie states that it is 'even better' than one cent per kilowatt hour.

"'In conclusion,' Mr. McBuie claims, to operate his plant with 'ten times Wilmington's requirements for street lights for 24 hours per day,' for $14,000 a year. This would mean that with a 315 horse power non-condensing engine he produces continuously for 24 hours every day 2,690 horse power at a cost of $5.20 per horse power per year. Ask any engineer if this can be done. We take off our hats to Mr. McBuie. It costs the Tidewater Power Company, with Westinghouse Turbo generators and with ample condensing capacity, not less than $50 per horse power per year for continuous 24-hour power."

EXPRESS BUSINESS LARGE.

Wilmington Office Handled Holiday Shipments Promptly and Quickly.

One of the busiest places in the city during the past week has been the Southern Express office on Front street, near the union station in the Sternberger building. An increased force and the addition of several delivery wagons made it possible to handle the large holiday business with promptness and dispatch.

Mr. J. W. Smith, the popular local agent, stated yesterday that the volume of business handled was fully as large as that of previous years and that it was handled with a much greater ease than had been anticipated. In fact, he said, he had never passed through the rush period, characteristic of the Christmas holidays, when he had been able to handle all shipments with the promptness that he has done this year. There was not a hitch of any kind. This was made possible by having in the office only men who knew the business. Another thing that made it easier was the close proximity of the office to the trains.

The Recorder's Court.

Albert Winberg and Charley Deal, both white, and David Williams, colored, charged with engaging in an affray, were discharged on account of their age. They were admonished not to fight and warned that such conduct would likely land them on the roads, if persisted in. Guy Nixon, colored, was charged with shooting a pistol in the city limits but the evidence was slim and he was discharged. Cases against E. W. Burnett, G. W. Hines and Norwood Hunter, all colored, charged with violating the prohibition law, were continued until Tuesday on account of the absence of their attorney, John D. Bellamy, Esq. Cases against Messrs. L. J. Hannah and E. H. Southerland, charged with engaging in an affray, were continued until Tuesday on account of Mr. Hannah having to be out of the city yesterday.

No matter what your eyes need in glasses, see if we can't save you from a guess fit; it's a matter of knowing how. Dr. Vineberg, the Eye Specialist, Masonic Temple. Spectacles and eye glasses from $1 up. Eyes tested free. (advertisement.)

Regular Interest Quarter

Jan. 1st-2nd

The PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK
On the Corner of Front and Princess Streets

January 1st--2nd

This bank will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1st, but all deposits made with us on **Friday, the 2nd,** will draw interest **from the 1st.**

We invite your New Year's business.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
—110 Princess Street—
Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
"The Store That's Always Busy"

Prices Greatly Reduced

Now that the rush is over and our White Goods, Wash Goods and Muslin Underwear are arriving, we have reduced prices on

Ladies' Coat Suits
Ladies' Street and Evening Coats
Ladies' and Children's Furs
Ladies' and Children's Flannel Underwear
Wool and Cotton Blankets
Down Comforters

Attractive low prices on Carpets suitable for parlor, rooms, hall and stairs. Will make and lay same day of purchase. Also special prices on Art Squares, Rugs, Portieres and Lace Curtains.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
WILMINGTON'S SHOPPING CENTER

SOCIETY

Mrs. H. H. Elliott is spending the holidays with relatives at Kenansville.

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Miss Julia Mae Southerland, of Goldsboro, is the guest of Mrs. E. L. Hinton, at Carolina Heights.

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Mrs. J. J. Parker and little daughter, of Monroe, are the guests of Mrs John L. Maffitt, No. 323 South Fourth street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Black, of Hollins College, Va., are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. I. Baxter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Meares Harriss spent Christmas week with Col. and Mrs. Chas. E. Johnson, of Raleigh.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Jr., of Lockport, N. Y., are visiting Mr. Kenan's mother, Mrs. W. R. Kenan, No. 202 South Third street.

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Misses Gertrude and Helen Cosby, of Hamlet, are spending a few days in the city, the guests of Miss Beatrice and Grace Gregson, No. 812 Princess street.

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Mr. E. C. Yarborough, wife and children, of Charlotte, have been spending the holidays quite pleasantly with friends and relatives in this city.

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Friends of Master George Welton Strickland, the seven-year-old son of Mrs. George Strickland, will be glad to learn that he is convalescing from an attack of scarlet fever.

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Mr. Frank G. Harriss, commercial agent of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad, with headquarters at Winston-Salem, is spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Geo. N. Harriss.

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A most delightful dance was given at the Cape Fear Country Club Friday night by Misses Florrie Northrop and Virginia Taylor. The enjoyable event was attended by a large number of young people.

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Mr. Franklin Gregson, of Hamlet, who has been spending a part of the holidays with his parents, No. 912 Princess street, left yesterday to resume his duties as manager of the Terminal Hotel in that city.

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The wreath committee recently appointed at a meeting of the Cape Fear chapter, U. D. C., to serve for the month of January, is as follows: Mrs. Louis Skinner, chairman; Misses Christine Stevenson, Helen Fillyaw and Annie Bagby.

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The Clyde steamer Cherokee sailed yesterday afternoon for New York with the following passengers: Misses Sallie, Eliza and Mary Fuller Robeson, Mrs. J. G. Hollingsworth and Miss Goddard, all of Fayetteville, N. C.

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Mrs. Philip Warland Delano, who has been visiting her father and mother, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Francis H. Delano, in Portsmouth, N. H., and Annapolis, Md., for the past six months, is spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. George N. Harriss.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Latimer, Jr., and little son, Master Henry G., 3rd, of Auburn, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Latimer's mother, Mrs. Geo. N. Harriss. Her many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Latimer will spend some time in the city.

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From yesterday's Fayettevile Observer: "Capt. W. F. Register, of Wilmington, is spending the holidays here with his brother, Capt. J. E. Register.——Mrs. Geo. B. Elliott and children, of Wilmington, who spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Huske on Haymount, returned home yesterday in their private car."

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Of interest to many friends is the approaching marriage of Mr. William F. Register, of White Oak, and Miss Elsie Brock, which will take place at 5:30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. Luther Toon, No. 620 Chesnut street. The wedding will be a quiet home affair and no invitations have been issued.

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Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, and party of several gentlemen, arrived yesterday morning to spend a few days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, at Airlie-on-the-Sound. They came in Mr. Vanderbilt's private car. Mr. Vanderbilt is vice president of the New York Central Railroad.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will have a "musical afternoon" Monday from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robt. Scott, corner Fifth and Princess streets. The proceeds of the silver offering which will be received at the door will be devoted to the work of the society at Delgado. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

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Mr. Henry Lloyd Saunders and bride, of Stony Creek, Va., are visiting Mr. Saunders' sisters, Mrs. F. D. Irving and Mrs. C. C. Wright. Mr. Saunders and bride, who was Miss Lucile Harold Crowder, of Stony Creek, were married in Richmond, Va., Wednesday morning and left immediately for Wilmington, where the groom formerly resided. They will return home tomorrow.

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Mr. J. B. Munson, vice president and general manager of the G., S. & F. Railroad, with headquarters in Macon, Ga., spent Friday in the city as the guest of his brothers, Messrs. E. H. and H. P. Munson. He left early yesterday morning in his private car attached to a regular train. The G., S. & F. is a part of the Southern Railway system and Mr. Munson is regarded as one of the leading railroad men of the South.

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Mr. James B. Sheehan leaves tonight for New Haven, Conn., where on next Wednesday he will be united in marriage to Miss Katherine G. Healey, of that city. The announcement of his approaching marriage was quite a surprise to his friends a few days ago and his bachelor friends gave several little social gatherings in his honor. The bride is pleasantly remembered here where she spent a greater part of last year and during that time acquired a host of friends who wish both much happiness during their wedded life. After a short visit to the principal cities in the North, the happy couple will make their home at 806 Chesnut street.

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MISS DORA SANDLIN BRIDE OF MR. CARL B. MARSHBURN.

Of interest to a wide circle of friends was the wedding Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock of Miss Dora Sandlin and Mr. Carl B. Marshburn, which took place at Southside Baptist church. Rev. W. G. Hall, the pastor, performed the ceremony and there were present a large number of relatives and friends.

Miss Mae Landen played the wedding marches. First to enter the parlor was Miss Lizzie Lanier, first bridesmaid, who was accompanied by Mr. Dan Mintz. Next came the second bridesmaid, Miss Emma Reville, accompanied by Mr. Leonard Mills. The bride came next with her maid of honor, Miss Fannie Lanier. Mr. Emple Marshburn, brother of the groom, was best man, and they entered from the right. The groom met the bride at the altar, where the impressive service was performed.

The bride was attired in white crepe de chine draped with dewdrop net and pearl trimmings with bridal veil caught with lilies of the valley, and carried a bouquet of bride roses and carnations. The maid of honor wore pink crepe de chine draped in pearls and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The first bridesmaid was gowned in canary silk trimmed with silvery lace and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The second bridesmaid wore blue silk trimmed with beaded braid and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshburn went to No. 711 South Seventh street, where they will make their home. Mr. Marshburn holds a position with the Hanby Hardware Company and has many friends who will extend congratulations. His bride is a charming young lady, greatly admired in a wide circle of friends.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR LEE CELEBRATION

Elaborate Preparations for Annual Exercises in Wilmington.

At a recent meeting of members of Cape Fear Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and representatives of the Cape Fear Camp of Confederate Veterans, the following committees were appointed to take charge of the various features of the annual celebration which will be held in Wilmington on Lee's birthday, which is January 19th:

Hall, tables and chairs—Mrs. F. A. Lord, chairman; Mrs. W. G. Pulliam, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. W. G. Whitehead and Miss Leonora Cantwell.

Decoration of hall—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, chairman; Mrs. W. M. Peck and Miss Edith Pritchard.

Decoration of Opera House—Miss Minnie Brown, chairman; Miss Julia Parsley, Miss Bessie Gore and Mrs. Walter Toot.

China—Mrs. W. M. Creasy, chairman; Mesdames Avant, A. M. Hall, S. E. Koonce, Robert Ruark, Miss Marguerite Price, Mesdames E. K. Bryan, J. A. Mund, C. C. Covington B. O. Stone and L. A. Damon.

Meats—Mrs. Eugene Beery, chairman; Miss Rosa Cazaux, Mrs. W. L. Harlow and Mrs. R. H. Pickett.

Oysters—Mrs. J. C. Munds, chairman; Mrs. W. L. DeRosset and Miss Lena Beery.

Bread—Mrs. Walker Taylor, chairman, and Mesdames P. Q. Moore and J. D. Smith.

Milk and sugar—Mrs. F. T. Adams, chairman, and Mrs. Andrew J. Howell.

Coffee—Mrs. Mittie Moore, chairman, and Mesdames John P. Quelch and Eugene Philyaw.

Silver—Mrs. J. Hicks Bunting, chairman, and Mesdames B. O. Stone and Tapp.

Pipes and tobacco—Mrs. W. B. Cooper, chairman; Mrs. Walter Parsley, Miss Julia Post, and Mesdames Stacy Devaney and Jennie DeRosset.

The president of the Cape Fear Chapter will call a meeting of the chairmen of these committee to be held early in January for the purpose of completing arrangements for the occasion which promises to be one of the biggest celebrations that has ever been held here under the auspices of the veterans.

KENTUCKY MOUNTAINEERS STILL RESIST ARREST.

Clan Remains in Mine While Soldiers Wait Outside—Reinforcements.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 27.—When darkness fell tonight no attempt to escape had been made by the 20 members of Hendrickson clan of mountaineers who are concealed in a mine near here. The four entrances to the mine are guarded by a squad of 35 picked militiamen under the command of Assistant Adjt. Gen. J. Tandy Ellis. It is expected that freezing weather and a lack of provisions will soon bring the refugees to terms.

Thomas Hendrickson, father of the three brothers, who are the leaders of the clan concealed in the mine, was arrested today and charged with conspiracy to kill Thomas Miller, whose murder last Wednesday caused a battle between the Hendrickson clan and a posse. Bonfires blazed at the entrances of the mine tonight and the troops and many spectators settled down to a campaign of starvation of the clan.

It was discovered that there are six entries to the mine in which Hendrickson clan had taken refuge, instead of four, as had been believed at first. One of these is on the Bell county side of the mountain and the other five on the Knox county side.

However, it is not believed that any of the clan have escaped as three men were seen at one of the entrances when the militia arrived this morning.

It is known that the Hendricksons were supplied with food and bedding previous to the arrival of the troops but how long they can hold out is problematical. An attempt may be made to enter the mine tomorrow in the event the clan does not surrender.

The mine is an abandoned working and it will be difficult for those not acquainted with it to penetrate its recesses. The band of mountaineers in it is led by "Happy" Jack Hendrickson, and those who know him say that he will not be taken without a struggle.

Adjt. Gen. Ellis and the militia were re-enforced tonight by Sheriff Nevans and 18 deputies who have been instructed to take the Hendricksons dead or alive.

DRY DOCK AT NORFOLK.

Navy Department Justified in Advocating Improvement.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Navy Department officials feel that their advocacy of additional dry docks at the Norfolk navy yard is justified by circumstances attending the recent arrival there of the disabled battleship Vermont. The battleship Delaware which convoyed the Vermont to Norfolk, needed examination. As the Vermont had been docked before it was decided to examine the Delaware it was necessary to undock the disabled warship before any repairs had been undertaken, there being only one dock in which the Delaware could be examined.

..Theatrical..

The Academy of Music will set before the people of Wilmington this week a delightful New Year's offering; something that will prove exceedingly popular and that will be offered at popular prices—10 and 25 cents.

Tabloid musical comedy, intermingled with advanced vaudeville and with the addition of four reels of feature moving pictures at each performance, will constitute the attraction; quite the biggest thing for the money that has ever graced the stage of the Academy. As playgoers well know the tabloid music show is at present on the crest of popularity and is hailed with delight everywhere. Combine this with vaudeville and blend the latest moving pictures and a performance of extraordinary attractiveness is presented. All these elements will enter into shows for Wilmington this week, and will, no doubt, draw large audiences. The attraction is the Harry Duvall Comedy Company, headed by the well known black face comedian, Harry Duvall, and composed of some exceptionally clever musical comedy folks. Farce comedies, bristling and sparkling with the latest musical gems and some splendid dances, will be given, while the vaudeville will be snappy and merry; also decidedly novel. The pictures will all be the latest. The company will change its bill daily. That is every feature will be changed, so there will be no two performances alike.

The engagement will be inaugurated at matinee tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 3:30 o'clock, doors opening an hour earlier, and every afternoon there will be a matinee. The night performances will begin at the usual hour.

Lillian Russell Coming.

The most expensive theatrical venture yet financed in America by any individual producer or capitalist, is Lillian Russell's Big Feature Festival, which John Cort now offers to the American public as a test and a sign of good faith and thorough belief in the artistic values of light entertainment; which is at once refined, humorous, artistic, instantly clever and of the best offered by the capitals of the world. This enterprise will be seen at the Academy in about a fortnight.

At the Grand.

Now for another festive holiday week at the cozy, handsome Grand and, by the way, it is well to mention that during the week the Grand will make an extraordinary offering, one that will be hailed with big delight by all Wilmington theatre goers.

It is announced by the Grand management that New Year's eve will be an auspicious event, it will offer Mr. Chas. Frohman's big dramatic success "Caprice," with the noted actress Miss Mary Pickford, in the title role. Save for the "speaking parts" the production is a fac-simile of the New York production. In fact, it is a Frohman production, taken under the direction of Mr. Frohman, and sent out by him to the biggest and most modern moving picture theatres of the country, those theatres such as the Grand, management, realizing the importance of the attraction, by good fortune combined with enterprise succeeded in landing a contract for the film.

But aside from the great feature the New Year week at the Grand, opening tomorrow, is going to be a big gala one. A swell programme has been arranged for tomorrow and includes such big film triumphs as Vitagraph, Biograph, Lubin, Pathe Edison. Don't forget Mary Pickford Wednesday, December 31st.

Big Week at Bijou.

Although Christmas week at the popular Bijou was one whopping as to size and tremendous for merit, this modern and up-to-date theatre has arranged an equally as swell and as gigantic New Year's week offering. In a blaze of glory it will start off the second week of the holidays tomorrow and will inaugurate the last half of the Yuletide season with five big films. Heading this great quintet, which will be seen at every afternoon and every evening performance, tomorrow at the Bijou, will be a great Warner feature, "The Clue of the Broken Finger." It is a graphic tale of an innocent man's fight for free dom, and there is plenty of fine detective work, as well as many thrilling spectacles. One of the most spectacular incidents of the story is a terrific struggle between the man accused and an engineer on the pilot of a fast moving locomotive. It is a thrilling piece of work.

Following this big dramatic masterpiece will come two rousing comedy films, thus adding the other side of life. This superb duo of comedies will be headed by the big Crystal feature, "Charlie's Little Joke," in which Charlie impersonated his uncle in an attempt to win the heart of his uncle's ward. But he comes to grief and thereby is flashed fun a-plenty on the screen.

Another great laugh producer is "Baldy Belmont as a Roman Gladiator." Baldy impersonates, on street and in parlor, a Roman warrior in these modern times and his actions are a howl for laughter. Regardless of this big list and the holiday occasion the price of admission will remain 5 cents at the Bijou.

THE LIGHTHOUSE DEPOT.

Hearing Will be Held in Washington Tomorrow—Committee Goes.

Representing the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Col. John VanB. Metts and Mr. E. P. Bailey will leave this evening for Washington, D. C., where tomorrow they will appear at the general hearing on the question of location of the proposed new lighthouse depot for the sixth lighthouse district. The hearing will be before Mr. E. F. Sweet, assistant secretary of commerce, and there will be present representatives from all the cities making a bid for the depot. Mr. H. L. Hunt, another member of the committee, will join the delegation in Washington.

Col. John VanB. Metts stated yesterday that he considered the Wilmington had a fair chance of winning in the fight, notwithstanding the fact that she has some strong competitors. The other cities making an effort to secure the new lighthouse depot are Charleston, where the present depot is located, Savannah, Jacksonville, Brunswick and Fernandina.

Wilmington's claims were recently presented by the committee, but it was deemed advisable to have representatives present at the general hearing when other cities will be heard. Senators Simmons and Overman and Congressman Godwin have been granted interviews to appear before the Secretary of Commerce in behalf of Wilmington.

Following the general hearing Assistant Secretary Sweet will make a visit to each city that has made a bid for the depot for a personal investigation. Shortly thereafter the location of the new lighthouse depot will likely be announced. The new depot will cost about $300,000.

Eat your dinner at the Southern Cafe Sunday. (advertisement.)

LOCAL DOTS.

—As is the custom in Wilmington at this season of the year, a large number of young people have been engaged the past week in masquerading. Any number of permits for this purpose have been granted by the police.

—The fire department was called out yesterday morning at 7:45 o'clock on account of a small blaze at No. 409 Chesnut street. The fire was quickly extinguished and no damage was done beyond the burning of a few shingles. Sparks from the chimney caused the fire.

—The order in the rural districts in the surrounding section during the Christmas season was of the best, according to visitors in the city yesterday. As in the city a number of Christmas entertainments were held and all these proved of much interest and pleasure to those in attendance.

—After being closed for a week on account of the holidays, the rural public schools will re-open Tuesday morning for the Spring term. Prof. Washington Catlett, the county superintendent of public instruction, expects the enrollment to be larger than for the Fall term and says that the attendance will probably be larger.

—It was learned yesterday that Wednesday night some reckless fellow shot a bullet into the home of Mrs. Joe Cumber at No. 1004 North Fourth street. The bullet went through the window and struck the ceiling. Glancing on the hard plank it fell to the floor near Mrs. Cumber. A short time before, it is stated, two negroes, who were in the yard, were ordered away. It is thought that possibly one of them may have fired the bullet.

—The Star has wit. The compliments of Mr. H. L. Vollers, the wholesale grocer, a unique calendar for the New Year—"A Half Century Confederate Memorial." The calendar presents on its front exact fac-similes of Confederate money, stamps, portraits, etc., while on the back is a collection of old Southern songs and melodies that will make the gift an appreciated one in any Southern home or office.

MRS. MARY E. FUTCH DEAD.

Aged and Respected Lady Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

Many friends in the city and elsewhere will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary E. Futch, widow of the late Chas. W. Futch, who passed away yesterday morning at 11:45 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. U. Lewis, No. 1012 North Fourth street. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about two years ago and had been in feeble health since that time. On Christmas day she suffered a second stroke from which she never rallied.

She was born in Pender county in 1852 and was, therefore, 61 years old. In 1882 she was married to Mr. Chas. W. Futch, of this city, and had lived here since that time. Her husband preceded her to the grave eight years ago and since that time she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis. Surviving her besides Mrs. Lewis are three other children, Mrs. T. J. Quinlivan and Miss Annie Futch, and Mr. Rufus B. Futch, all of this city, and one sister, Mrs. J. T. Kerr, of Acorn Branch, in this county. The bereaved family will have the tender sympathy of a host of friends in their great sorrow.

When she was quite young she became a member of the Methodist church, and at the time of her death was a member of Bladen Street Methodist church, of this city. As long as she was able she attended its services regularly and always took the greatest interest in all the church services. She was a sincere Christian and bore her sufferings with a rare patience. She had a large circle of friends, all of whom had the greatest respect for her integrity and loyal uprightness of character.

The funeral will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, No. 1012 North Fourth street, and will be conducted by her former pastor, Rev. W. L. Rexford, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and Rev. T. G. Vickers, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church. The interment will be in the family burying ground at Harrison's Creek.

FORMAL OPENING OF Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

New Year's Reception on Thursday Will Have Double Meaning.

The New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday of this week will also mark the formal opening of the association's new building on Market street and will, therefore, be an event of more than ordinary interest to the people of the city.

The directors and trustees will send out invitations in a few days to all subscribers to the building fund and these together with their friends and the general public will be most cordially invited to attend the reception and formal opening of the new building. The hours of the reception will be from 8 to 11 o'clock. It is expected that several hundred people will visit the building during those hours. The building and equipment is one of the best and most complete in the State and already splendid work is being done with the new plant.

Next Sunday afternoon the dedicatory service will be held. The service will begin at 4:45 o'clock. The programme is now in course of preparation and will be announced during the week. Mr. J. B. Huntington, the general secretary, hopes to be able to secure the attendance of one of the State secretaries.

The membership of the association will hold the annual meeting about the 10th of January at which time reports of the officers for the year will be received and other business will be transacted.

Charged With Larceny.

T. H. Robbins, a white man, had a hearing before Justice Harriss yesterday on a charge of larceny by trick, preferred against him by Henry Williams, colored. Williams alleged that he was working for Robbins as helper in drilling some wells and that he was defrauded out of $19.50, due him for work done. Robbins has been engaged in drilling wells for some time and has only recently completed one for the County Board of Education. Probable cause was found and in default of a $50 bond he went to jail. He will be tried before the recorder Monday on the charge. K. C. Sidbury, Esq., represents the defendant.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of thanking our kind white friends for remembering and making my sick husband, George Weaver, happy before and on Christmas. Many, many, thanks to these kind hearted friends: Rev. Thos. P. Jarden, Red Cross Society, Elks' Club, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowell, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Polzo, Mrs. Anna Bentley, and several others. We will be glad to receive any assistance that anyone sees fit to render. Emma Weaver, 520 Walnut street.

CITY WATER O. K.

Dr. Stiles Says Captains of Vessels May Now Use It.

Some time ago Dr. C. W. Stiles, medical officer in charge of the Marine Hospital here, sent out letters to the captains of all vessels registered for this port warning them against using the city water unless it had been boiled. The following letter was sent out Friday to all captains of ships in this port in which he rescinds his former advice as to the use of water:

"Wilmington, Dec. 26th, 1913.

"Sir:—Referring to my letter of October 25th, inviting your attention to the condition of the city water supply, as reported by the city chemist, I take pleasure in informing you that Prof. E. B. Phelps, of the Hygienic Laboratory of this service has recently inspected the city water filter, has examined the improvements that have been made since the date of said letter, has made a study of the more recent bacteriological tests that have been conducted, and, as a result of his examination, he is of the opinion that the danger then mentioned is no longer present.

"In other words, the water now distributed by the Wilmington city waterworks may be looked upon as safe for drinking purposes.

"The warning contained in my letter of October 25th is, therefore, hereby revoked. "Respectfully,

"C. W. STILES,
"Professor in Charge."

LAUNCH NOT YET FOUND.

Scuppernong, Lost in Harbor Christmas Night, Still Under Water.

Although a diligent search was kept up all day yesterday for the launch Scuppernong, owned by Maffitt & Wood, nothing was seen of the boat. She was sunk by being struck by three barges which were broken loose from their moorings by the high winds. The Heat Saver, also owned by Maffitt & Wood, which was badly damaged by being struck by the barges, is now on the Marine Railway for repairs.

The launch Standard, owned by the Bower's Southern Dredging Company, which was sunk and later raised, is now being repaired also at the Marine Railway. The search for the Scuppernong will be kept up this week and by using improved dredging appliances it is expected that she will be located within a short time.

WILL LOCATE HERE.

Dr. Lloyd C. Allen and Wife Expected to Arrive Tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Allen are expected to arrive tomorrow from Kirksville, Mo., where they have been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Allen's relatives. It will be a source of great pleasure to his many friends and acquaintances to know that he will locate in Wilmington.

Dr. Allen has made quite a name or himself as an osteopath, and has received some flattering press notices throughout the West. Since his graduation of the Kirksville School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo., one of the most modern schools of its kind in this country, he has been practicing in Higginsville, Mo., and it was with much regret that the citizens of that city saw him leave.

Dr. Allen is very popular among those who remember him here, and he will be cordially welcomed to his former home to practice his chosen profession.

ADDRESS BY DR. FOSTER.

Services at Y. M. C. A. Building This Afternoon at 4:45 O'clock.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church, will make the address this afternoon at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. His subject will be "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man." Dr. Foster has a wide reputation as a most forceful speaker and profound student of the scriptures. Those who hear him this afternoon are assured of a splendid address on a topic that is of interest to every normal man.

In connection with the address by Dr. Foster there will be special music by a quartette from the First Baptist church. Mr. Charles L. Schulken, of the choir of the First Baptist church, will also sing a solo. A feature of these Sunday afternoon services is the song and prayer service in which all the men take part. The exercises begin promptly at 4:45 o'clock and the address at 5 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

DEATH OF MRS. STREB.

Passed Away Early Yesterday Morning After Short Illness.

Mrs. Mary Streb, wife of Mr. Bartholomew Streb, passed away yesterday morning at 12:30 o'clock at her home, No. 403 Bladen street, after a short illness. Death was caused by heart trouble. She was 32 years old and was a native of New York city. Her husband is the head baker at the Globe Bakery. She had been living in the city for some time and had many friends here who will sympathize tenderly with the bereaved father and two sons who survive her.

The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at Woolvin's undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The remains were taken to New York city last night on the 6:45 train for interment. The two young sons will be left with relatives in New York for a time.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. J. W. Bass, mother of Mrs. W. C. Galloway, who is seriously ill at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, was reported last night as resting as well as could be expected. It is hoped that her condition will be greatly improved by today.

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The cold weather has just begun, but as the season is well advanced, we have made a Special Cut on Comforts of 25% Less than the former prices.

We have overhauled our Winter Underwear and can give you some wonderful bargains in these garments. 50c Garments, for 25c

$1.00 Garments, for 50c

New lot of Winter Storm Caps, for Men and Boys, just received.

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET WAS ACTIVE

More so Than Ordinarily for Saturday and Prices Advanced Rather Sharply.

New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton market was more than ordinarily active for a Saturday and prices advanced rather sharply on covering and fresh buying accompanied by predictions of very small ginning returns for the present period. Closing prices were very steady, 12 to 15 points net higher.

A few overnight selling orders caused some opening irregularity. But after starting steady, 2 points down to 2 points up, the market quickly firmed up and during the first few minutes sold about 9 to 14 points net higher. Realizing caused reactions of four or five points during the middle of the morning, but the market developed no signs of weakness. New high ground for the day was made in the late trading on an active demand from Wall Street, other local and Southern sources.

There was considerable buying of January and March by leading trade interests and while most of the support was attributed to covering of shorts or the operations of reactionists, the talk around the ring reflected rather a more favorable sentiment among some local brokers. This seemed to be based upon an idea that recent drastic liquidation had left the market in a stronger technical position. There were also numerous reports from the South claiming that very little cotton remained to be picked or ginned and part of the demand may hove been in anticipation of bullish private ginning returns next week.

The falling off in the amount of cotton on shipboard awaiting clearance appeared to emphasize reports of depression in the ocean freight circles and some of the local statisticians are talking a sharp falling off in spinners' takings within the next few weeks.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.60; middling gulf 12.85.

Cotton futures:

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.00	12.19	12.13	12.20
Jan	12.10	....	....	12.15
Mar	12.18	12.35	12.18	12.35
Apr	....	....	....	12.32
May	12.18	12.30	12.18	12.30
June	....	....	....	12.31
July	12.20	12.31	12.20	12.31
Aug	....	....	....	12.12
Sept	....	....	....	11.80
Oct	11.63	11.70	11.63	11.72

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 6,814; gross receipts, 6,814; sales, 300; stock, 230,950; coastwise, 1,189.

New Orleans—Steady, 12 11-16; net receipts, 9,511; gross receipts, 9,541; sales, 665; stock, 288,409; continent, 5,824; coastwise, 380.

Mobile—Steady, 12 7-16; net receipts, 2,982; gross receipts, 2,982; stock, 61,453; coastwise, 25.

Savannah—Steady, 12 7-16; net receipts, 15,649; gross receipts, 15,649; sales, 1,300; stock, 165,955; coastwise, 900.

Charleston — Quiet, 12.00; net receipts, 518; gross receipts, 518; sales, 1; stock, 12,466; coastwise, 291.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 925; gross receipts, 925; stock, 33,019.

Norfolk—Steady, 12¼; net receipts, 4,522; gross receipts, 4,522; sales, 1,267; stock, 63,140; Great Britain, 2,983; coastwise, 3,320.

Baltimore—Nominal, 12⅝; stock, 8,572.

New York—Quiet, 12.60; net receipts, 350; gross receipts, 6,346; stock, 91,546; coastwise, 3,072.

Boston—Quiet, 12.60; gross receipts, 4,517; stock, 9,305.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.85; gross receipts, 100; stock, 3,726.

Texas City—Net receipts, 1,935; gross receipts, 1,935; stock, 13,500; continent, 10,211.

Brunswick—Stock, 14,637; continent, 10,064.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 1,500; gross receipts, 1,500; stock, 2,500; coastwise, 1,645.

Aransas Pass—Net receipts, 104; gross receipts, 104; stock, 2,383.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 44,810; Great Britain, 2,983; continent, 26,099; stock, 1,061,746.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 44,810; Great Britain, 2,983; continent, 26,099.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,663,642; Great Britain, 1,782,740; France, 752,193; continent, 2,238,718; Japan, 193,700; Mexico, 19,034.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 18,077; gross receipts, 18,077; shipments, 14,675; sales, 1,194; stock, 179,218.

Augusta—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 2,483; gross receipts, 2,483; sales, 540; stock, 93,910.

Memphis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 2,983; gross receipts, 7,725; shipments, 7,219; sales, 2,300; stock, 261,356.

St. Louis—Quiet, 13.00; net receipts, 354; gross receipts, 3,886; shipments, 4,812; sales, 500; stock, 26,747.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 951; gross receipts, 951; shipments, 1,306; sales, 450; stock, 18,644.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12⅜; net receipts, 785; gross receipts, 785; shipments, 829; stock, 56,376.

Total today—Net receipts, 25,633; gross receipts, 34,887; shipments, 28,841; sales, 5,074; stock, 636,151.

WHEAT CLOSED FIRM.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Selling pressure owing to favorable weather throughout the Winter crop belt, failed to cause a lasting decline today in wheat. The market wound up firm at the same as last night to ¼c off. Other speculative articles all showed a net decline. Corn, ⅝ to ⅝; oats, ⅝ to ½, and provisions, 5@7½ to 22½.

Closing futures:

Wheat—May, 90⅛; July, 86½.
Corn—December, 63¾; May, 68.
Oats—May, 40½; July, 39⅝.
Pork—January, 20.17½; May, 20.55.
Lard—January, 10.57½; May, 10.90.
Ribs—January, 10.62½; May, 10.90.

Cash quotations:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 94½@95½; No. 2 hard, 87½@88½; No. 2, Northern, 88@89; No. 2, Spring, 87½@88½.
Corn—New, No. 2, 68@69; No. 2, white, 68@69; No. 2, yellow, 68@69.
Oats—Not quoted.

BANK CONDITIONS.

Statement Issued for Five Days of the Past Week.

New York, Dec. 27.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold $9,372,750 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $8,066,600 from the report last week.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Money on call, nominal; no loans. Time loans, weaker; sixty and ninety days, 4¾@5; six months, 4½@5 per cent. Mercantile paper, 5¼@6. Sterling exchange, firm; sixty days, 4.8115; demand, 4.8530. Commercial bills, 4.80½. Bar silver, 57⅝. Mexican dollars, 44½.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton goods and yarn markets were quite and steady today with trading in gray goods slightly more active. Domestics were film. Burlaps and linens were quiet.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Ruffs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

SMALL LOSSES IN MARKET

Speculative Activity Was Greatly Diminished—Technical Position Weakened.

New York, Dec. 27.—Speculative activity was greatly diminished today. It was evident that extensive short covering on the recent rise had temporarily weakened the technical position of the market. The market eased off under this selling but the undertone was good and losses generally small.

Resumption of trading in London after the holidays had little influence here except in the case of Canadian Pacific, the decline in which was due largely to foreign selling. The price droppd to 207 3-8, the lowest of the year. London also sold some Union Pacific and Steel but its offerings were not heavy.

New Haven was unusually prominent by reason of its strength. At one time it solld nearly three points above yesterday's close. The advance was attributed primarily to reports that a settlement was near at hand in regard to differences between the company and the government.

The approach of the year-end was reflected in the bank statement. Forecasts were far from the mark, as the statement disclosed an actual cash loss of nearly $7,000,000. The increase in loans amounted to $11,719,000 and there was a decrease in surplus of over $8,000,000. The bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,050,000. United States 2s and 4s registered advanced 1-4 and the 4s coupon one point on call on the week. Total stock sales 181,100, including C. & O., 300; Lehigh Valley, 4,400; Norfolk & Western, 900; Reading, 39,200; Southern Railway, 1,700; Tennessee Copper, 100; U. S. Steel, 25,500.

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Steamers.

Str. Sliedrecht (Dutch), Tenesma, 1,951 tons, Heide & Co.
Str. Fernandina (Br.), 1,146 tons, Anderson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Str. Urna (Swedish), 1,625 tons, Sandberg, Heide & Co.
Str. Joachim Zelch, 1,311 tons, Wels, Heide & Co.
Str. Gascony (Br.), 1,942 tons, Taylor; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Joel Cook, 319 tons, Ray, Maffitt & Wood.
Schr. Benjamin F. Poole, 1,099 tons, Maffitt & Wood.
Schr. Louis F., 237 tons, Albury, Maffitt & Wood.
Schr. Blanche H. King, 1,021 tons, Williams; Maffitt & Wood.

Barges.

Barge Mattie L. Johnson, 574 tons, Johnson, Maffitt & Wood.

Barkentines.

Barkentine Crimley, 698 tons, Neeland, Maffitt & Wood.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 41¼ cents per gallon.
ROSIN—Steady, $3.45.
TAR — Firm, at $2.50 per barrel; in casks, 10c. per gallon.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 per barrel for dip, and $3.00 per barrel for virgin.
Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 36¾c.; rosin, $5.25; tar, $2.20; crude turpentine, firm, at $3.25@$4.25 to $4.25.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine 3
Rosin ..... (—)
Tar 2
Crude Turpentine ..... (—)
Receipts same day last year — Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 24 barrels; crude turpentine, 1 barrel.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, nominal for middling. Same day last year, nominal.
Receipts, 925. Same day last year, 1,196 bales.
Total receipts, since Sept. 1, 325,960 bales.
Total receipts same time last year, 271,887 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 27.)

CORN—$1.00 to $1.05 per sack
POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, $1.00 per bu. Sweet potatoes, new, 60 to 70c. Very dull.
PEAS—White, $2.50 per bushel; good demand.
BEEF—Native, dressed, very dull, 6 to 8c.
PORK—Small, 9@11c.
WOOL—Burry, 11 to 12c. per lb.; free 17c. per lb.
HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@16c. per lb.
NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Old hams, 25c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb.
BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.
TALLOW—Firm, 4½@5c. per lb.
POULTRY — Chickens, good demand. Grown, 40 to 45c.; Spring chickens, 15@35c. per head.
EGGS—30c. per doz.; good demand.
TURKEYS—Live, on foot, 18c per lb.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 26.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,392 bales cotton.
Seaboard Air Line—279 bales cotton.
Str. Whitlock—2 casks spirits turpentine; 34 barrels rosin; 23 barrels crude turpentine.
Str. Thelma—2 casks spirits turpentine; 32 barrels tar.
Total—1,671 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 34 barrels rosin; 32 barrels tar; 23 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27.

Market—Weaker on Virginias. Stronger on Spanish and North Carolinas.
North Carolinas—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 1.05.
Spanish—No1, Machine-Picked, 1.15.
Virginias—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 66c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18th, 1913.—Spanish—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at $1.20 per bushel.
Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c to 4c per lb. Fancy Handpicked, 3½c per lb. Extra Prime, 3¼c per lb. Prime, 3c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 2c to 3c per lb.

WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD.

French Aviator Makes New Record for Birdmen to Overcome.

Saint Raphael, France, December 27.—The world's altitude record for aeroplanes was broken today by Georges Legagneux, the French aviator, who ascended from the aerodrome here to a height of 20,295 feet in his monoplane. The duration of his flight was one hour and 35 minutes.

The highest altitude hitherto attained in an aeroplane was that established by Edmond Perreyon, at Buc, France, on March 11th, when he rose 19,300 feet.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Stock Market Gave a Striking Demonstration of Sustaining Strength.

New York, Dec. 27.—The stock market gave a striking demonstration of sustained strength this week. As the preceding depression in stocks heralded a contraction in trade the present revival arouses hopes of improvement in business conditions.

President Wilson's remarks on signing the currency bill and his letter on the American telephone agreement gave the financial world distinct encouragement. Rumors of compromises of anti-trust suits figured in speculation. Voluntary compliance by corporations with the government's requirements is giving strength to the market where threatened enforcement of the same terms formerly wakened it.

Prospct of improvement in the generally and investment markets is a strong underlying factor. A sharp recovery in British consols is a symptom. Anxiety over yearly settlements has passed.

The financial world accepts the new currency act with confidence. Relief from periodical depletion of reserves and increase of credit facilities are looked for.

Meanwhile holiday shutdowns of iron and steel works are on an unprecedented scale, November net earnings of railroads disclose heavy shrinkage, idle freight cars are piling up and current traffic still shows severe loss in tonnage. Nevertheless drafts upon stocks of both jobbers and manufacturers of steel and copper are reported.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	74½
American Agricultural	44
American Beet Sugar	23
American Can	30¾
American Can, pfd	90
American Car and Foundry	44¼
American Cotton Oil	35⅞
American Ice Securities	24⅝
American Linseed	10
American Locomotive	31
Amer. Smelting and Ref	64½
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	98⅜
American Sugar Ref	151¼
American Tel. and Tel	123
American Tobacco	245
Anaconda Mining Co	35⅞
Atchison	94
Atchison, pfd	98⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	116
Baltimore and Ohio	92½
Bethlehem Steel	29⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88
Canadian Pacific	207½
Central Leather	27
Chesapeake and Ohio	60¾
Chicago Great Western	11⅜
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	100
Chicago and North Western	123
Colorado Fuel and Iron	28½
Consolidated Gas	130½
Corn Products	9½
Delaware and Hudson	151¾
Denver and Rio Grande	17
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	24⅜
Distillers' Securities	17½
Erie	28½
Erie, 1st pfd	44⅝
Erie, 2nd pfd	34¾
General Electric	140
Great Northern, pfd	127
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	34
Illinois Central	100
Interborough-Met	15½
Interborough-Met., pfd	61¼
Inter Harvester	101⅜
Inter-Marine, pfd	13½
International Paper	8½
International Pump	6
Kansas City Southern	24¼
Laclede Gas	93
Lehigh Valley	149⅜
Louisville and Nashville	133½
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	126
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	19¼
Missouri Pacific	25
National Biscuit	118¼
National Lead	44
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	9½
New York Central	92
New York, Ont. and Western	26½
Norfolk and Western	101½
North American	67
Northern Pacific	110
Pacific Mail	23¼
Pennsylvania	105½
People's Gas	120
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	84
Pittsburg Coal	18⅛
Pressed Steel Car	27
Pullman Palace Car	151½
Reading	168¼
Republic Iron and Steel	29
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	80½
Rock Island Co	13½
Rock Island Co., pfd	20½
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	7½
Seaboard Air Line	16¾
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45¾
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	26
Southern Pacific	89⅝
Southern Railway	23⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	76¾
Tennessee Copper	30
Texas and Pacific	12⅜
Union Pacific	155⅝
Union Pacific, pfd	85
United States Realty	53½
United States Rubber	58½
United States Steel	59½
United States Steel, pfd	106⅝
Utah Copper	50⅝
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	27½
Wabash	2½
Wabash, pfd	7½
Western Maryland	34⅜
Western Union	57¾
Westinghouse Electric	66
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4½
New Haven	77⅝
L. and M	217
L. and M., pfd	110¾
Lorillard	162
Lorillard, pfd	110

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Barely steady. No. 2, red, 99½@1.01; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 98¾.
Corn—Easy, 70⅛.
Flour—Dull.
Hides—Steady.
Leather—Firm.
Petroleum—Steady.
Wool—Steady.
Rice—Quiet.
Molasses—Steady.
Butter—Firm.
Cheese—Firm.
Sugar—Holiday.
Coffee—Spot, unsettled; Rio, No. 7, 8¾; Santos, No. 4, 12½; mild, dull; Cordova, 13@16¾.
Potatoes—Steady and unchanged.
Peanuts—Steady and unchanged.
Freights—Steady and unchanged.
Cabbages—Steady and unchanged.
Cotton Seed Oil—Inactive today, with little feature, but prices were steady on local covering and in sympathy with cotton, closing 14 points lower for December and unchanged to two points higher for the other points.
Prime crude, 5.40@5.47; prime Summer yellow, spot, 6.00@6.70; December, 6.60; January, 6.67; February, 6.84; March, 6.86 April, 7.06; May, 7.15; June, 7.21; July 7.27. Prime Winter yellow and Summer white, 7.00.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 27.—Turpentine—Quiet.
Rosin—Quiet.
Savannah, Dec. 27.—Turpentine—Firm, at 42½. Sales, 674; receipts, 803; shipments 82; stocks, 28,750.
Rosin—Firm. Sales, none. Receipts, 4,087; shipments, 102; stocks, 162,735. Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.75; E, 3.37 to 3.80; F, 3.70 to 3.75; G, 3.67½ to 3.75; H, 3.72½ to 3.75; I, 3.92½ to 3.95; K, 4.55; M, 5.35; N, 6.35; W G, 6.45; W W, 6.80 to 6.85.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 28, 1913.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 32 degrees; at 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 32 degrees; mean, 40 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 3.13.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Friday, 16.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Sunday; Monday, rain; light to moderate variable winds, becoming east.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 28.

Sun rises ..... 7:17 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:31 P. M.
Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 56 min.

Tides.	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	10:39	10:25	5:08	5:44
Southport	8:15	8:25	1:56	2:48
Masonboro Inlet	8:04	8:24	1:36	2:28

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 27, 1913.

STATIONS	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	44	32	.0
Asheville	clear	46	24	.0
Atlanta	clear	48	28	.0
Augusta	pt. cldy	54	30	.0
Birmingham	clear	42	32	.0
Boston	clear	32	18	.0
Charleston	cloudy	52	34	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	44	30	.0
Chicago	cloudy	30	26	.0
Galveston	raining	64	48	.0
Jacksonville	clear	58	36	.0
Memphis	cloudy	38	32	.0
Mobile	cloudy	52	34	.0
Montgomery	clear	46	34	.0
New Orleans	cloudy	50	38	.0
New York	clear	30	30	.0
Oklahoma	cloudy	34	30	.0
Palestine	raining	46	42	1.04
Pittsburg	cloudy	26	22	.0
Raleigh	clear	46	28	.0
Savannah	clear	54	34	.0
Shreveport	raining	46	34	.60
St. Louis	cloudy	34	28	.0
Washington	clear	36	28	.0

WEEKLY DRY GOODS.

Cotton Goods Markets Have Gained in Strength Recently.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton goods markets have gained in steadiness in the past few days of firmer cotton. Transactions in gray goods have been better as the low points on various constructions were reached, but it is not a period of activity among either jobber or converters. Within the past two weeks there has been an improvement in the miscellaneous demand for exports from countries that have been buying little or nothing since the cottotn rise of September. Among retailers the week following Christmas is usually the dullest of the year in sale and in the large metropolitan stores advantage is taken of the popular quiet to show advance spring styles in fancy and fine cottons for use at Southern winter resorts. This display is remarkable because of the great novelty and high cost of many of all-cotton goods offered. Staple cottons for domestic use are barely steady and agents will not make new prices much before the second week of next year. Mills have contracts in hand that will carry them on an average of ten weeks to come and less difficulty is being experienced in securing operatives to attend machinery that has been idle from lack of help. Cotton blankets and other napped cottons for fall 1914 will be priced promptly after the turn of the year, and stocks at the year end are the lighest ever known in the large mills.

Prices current on cotton goods are as follows: Print cloths 28-inch 64x64s 3 3-4c nominal; 64x60s, 3 1-2; 38 1-2-inch 64x64s, 5 1-2; brown sheetings, Southern standard 8c and 8 3-4; tickings 8 oz., 18 1-2; denims 9 oz. 14; staple ginghams 6 1-4; standard prints 5 1-4; dress ginghams 9 3-4.

NO LACK OF WINTER.

Government Experts Say We Will Have Hard Winter.

Washington, December 27.—There will be no lack of Winter weather anywhere in the United States, if weather bureau experts read the signs right. Inquiries at the bureau today as to the prospects of a mild Winter were met with the statement that storms merely were slightly delayed but that nothing had come under the department's observation to indicate less than the usual recommendation or snow fall. District Forecaster Edward H. Bovle said the rain storm which swept this region Christmas day was merely the forerunner of the regular procession of Winter disturbances. Another was already on the way from the South, he said. Temperatures throughout the Rocky Mountain region and Alaska were declared to be normal for the season.

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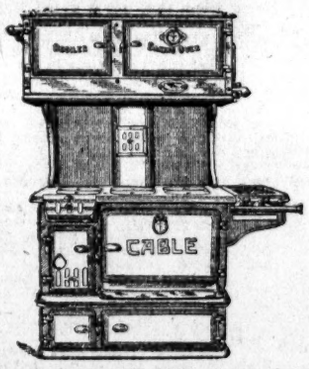

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PRESIDENT OF WESTERN FEDERATION IS MOBBED

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an extra published yesterday in which charges of grave misconduct were made against some deputy sheriffs and others who tried to assist victims of the Christmas eve disaster in Italian hall here.

Charges of Murder.

The article, according to translators, accused the rescuers of slugging mothers and fathers who tried to reach the hall where their children were dead or in peril and used the Finnish equivalent of "murder" in its description of the disaster.

John Nuomavari, business manager of the paper, and two members of the editorial staff were taken from their desks today. Service was made on a dozen others on the streets this evening.

It is probable that their cases will be considered by the special grand jury. The grand jury was called to investigate "acts of lawlessness arising from the strike."

Intimations from union sources that the grand jury was 'hand-picked" and "packed" against their cause were denied in official circles. A survey of the personal of the body will find H. E. Decamp, a brewer, as foreman and George Williams, a railroad official, as clerk.

Among the 18 other members of the jury is Edgar Bye, chauffeur for James Naughton, general manager of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company. Two superintendent of stamp mills, a few mechanics and a number of merchants made up the rest of the membership.

Preparations were pronounced complete tonight for the funerals which the Western Federation of Miners is to conduct over some 70 of the victims of the panic of last Wednesday.

The task of digging the numerous graves was accomplished by a hundred strikers and the federation's relief committee finished its canvass of the stricken home.

Indications are that the thousands that marched to the cemetery will have to make their way through snow-covered roads. A fine snow began afling steadily late today and promised to continue all night. The cemetery lies more than a mile west of this city and the men who are to bear the coffins on their shoulders may have to face the full force of a wind off Lake Superior.

Moyer Tells His Story.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 27.—A graphic account of his deportation from the Michigan strike district was given by Charles H. Moyer, when he arrived here today en route to Chicago.

Moyer said that when the crowd of men carried him from his hotel to the station in Houston last night, James McNaughton, general manager and vice president of the Calumet and Hecla mines, drove up and said to him: "You get out of this country forever. If you ever come back I'll hang you."

Moyer said he was thrown upon the train.

"Two men who claimed to be deputy sheriffs, took me into a sleeper," he continued, "and soon after Mr. Tanner (the Federation auditor) was brought in. He, too, had been assaulted and forcibly taken to the station.

"One of the deputies handed the conductor our tickets and said that we were going to Chicago. The deputies stayed on the train until we had passed over into Wisconsin.

"Somewhere on the trip a doctor was called to dress my wounds. He was summoned by one of the men who said they were deputies and he told the doctor to send the bill to the sheriff at Calumet."

Moyer said he could not understand how the deputies happened to be at the station waiting when the mob got there.

"Neither can I understand," he said, "how it was they had Chicago tickets for Mr. Tanner and myself nor how they could summon a doctor and tell him to charge the treatment to the county, unless the sheriff knew all the time that the attack was going to take place."

Communication Not Received.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 27.—Diligent inquiry among the mine managers in the copper range tonight failed to elicit any admission that the peace proposal which Moyer said he had prepared just before being assaulted had been received by them.

Henry Brett, at whose home Jas. McNaughton and his wife spent Friday evening, said tonight:

"Mr. McNaughton and his wife called at our home shortly after 8 o'clock Friday night and remained all evening. About 10 o'clock Mr. McNaughton went across the street to a club and returned to my home at 11 o'clock. I know Mr. McNaughton was not in Hancock on Friday evening.

Associates of McNaughton tonight asserted he had never met Moyer and that he had repeatedly refused conferences with him and other officers of the miners federation.

Deportation Expected.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 27.—John C. Lowney, member of the executive board of Western Federation of Miners, who returned to Butte a few days ago from Calumet, said today that the Federation officials were not surprised over the deportation of Charles H. Moyer from the Michigan copper district.

"The deportation of Moyer had been planned a month ago and we knew it," Lowney said. "This action was not the result of our refusal to accept funds from the Citizens' Alliance following the Christmas tragedy. The Michigan copper companies were determined to bring matters to a crisis by New Year's day.

Moyer will be back in Calumet under government protection within a few days. We feel that we are now assured of a Federal investigation of the whole strike and that is all we ask."

EIGHTY-SEVEN PLAYERS.

Drive Off in Qualifying Round on Pinehurst Links.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 27.—Eighty-seven players drove off today in the qualification round of the annual holiday golf tournament. Those who qualified for the first division and still continue match play through Wednesday, were the following:

H. V. Seggerman, Englewood; A. A. Stagg, Chicago; W. A. Barber, Jr., Princeton; W. E. Truesdell, Fox Hills; William Souther, Dyker Meadow; B. P. Merriman, Waterbury; C. B. Hudson, North Fork; C. L. Becker, Woodland; W. G. Clark, Wollaston; W. V. Booth, Jr., Onwentsia; Geo. H. Crocker, Brookline; S. LeRoy, Newport; T. B. Boyd, Bellerieve; H. G. White, Ridgewood; Robert Hunter, Weeburn, and W. L. Otis, New York.

In a special gold medal match H. V. Seggerman, of Englewood, defeated A. A. Stagg, of Chicago, 81 to 83.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The District of Columbia Rifle Association and the Park Club, Bridgeport, Conn., both with a score of 992 out of a possible 1,000, lead Class A, of the Inter-Club Rifle Shoot this week, according to the scores announced today by the National Rifle Association.

BOTH ARMIES ARE WARNED

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ed some buildings and committed other depredations and the consul is trying to ascertain whether American life and property were menaced.

The State Department has caused representations to be made to General Villa at Chihuahua in the interest of the women and children of the Spaniards and other foreigners who were expelled from that town by the rebels. The American consul was assured that these families would be permitted to leave Chihuahua, but for some reason the promise has not been kept.

No Famine Reported.

The naval supply ship Glacier arrived at Topolobampo on the west coast of Mexico, last Wednesday and sailed away yesterday. In reporting these movements, the captain of the ship made no mention of famine among the American colony there, although he had ample provisions aboard to meet any probable needs.

An offer of Japanese army officers to enlist under the Huerta standard which the Mexican war office claims to have received through its embassy in Tokio, has not been made known to the State Department. Whether this service could be rendered, it is pointed out, would depend upon the status of the Japanese making the offer and it is not doubted that their own government would refuse the permission to leave their own country if they are still on the active list of the Japanese army.

The State Department has received information as to the reported landing of 600 marines from the British cruiser Hermione in British Honduras. Officials of the department stated today that if such action were taken merely to enforce British neutrality on the southern border of Mexico and prevent the entry of arms and munitions of war consigned to the rebels, there could be no questions as to the propriety of the act.

Huerta to Take Field.

Mexico City, Dec. 27—That Enrique Gerostieta, minister of justice, will become president of Mexico early in the new year, and that Gen. Huerta will take the field against the rebels who refuse to conform to this arrangement, is the report that has been received with credence by some of the diplomatic representatives here. Gerostieta is to be named Minister of Foreign Affairs according to the story in circulation, and Gen. Huerta will retire fro the Presidency, in which case, the foreign minister succeeds him.

Senor Gerostieta is well along in years. He was a lawyer at Monterey, who was brought to the capital to take the portfolio of finance, but instead was appointed minister of justice.

The railroads are again facing the prospect of a tie-up for lack of fuel oil. The interruption by the rebels of the line between Tampico and San Luis Potosi, if maintained for a week, would mean that not a wheel will be turning in any portion of the National system, according to a high railroad authority. The Mexican line between the capital and Vera Cruz has a sufficient supply, it is said, for 20 or 30 days.

It is believed in railroad circles that the efforts of the rebels are being directed with more persistency than ever toward accomplishing this tie-up, which would practically put the northern country at their mercy.

Mexico Protests.

Mexico has forwarded a protest to its representatives at Washington which it announced will be presented to the State Department against alleged assistance given by Americans to the rebels at Tampico and Mazatlan. The complaint is based on representations made by the Governor of Tamaulipas and the Federal authorities at Mazatlan.

The Governor alleges that Clarence A. Miller, American consul at Tampico, helped the rebels to obtain arms and made adverse comments about the Federals. He further alleges that the rebels used launches flying the American flag to communicate with forces along the river and that during the attack against Tampico provisions were furnished to the rebels in these launches.

The authorities at Mazatlan in their complaint, asserted that American vessels along the coast were in constant communication with the rebels and furnished them with war material.

El Diario Official today carried a warning to foreign correspondents that they would be deported as undesirable aliens if ehey sent out alarming or false stories.

President Huerta promised to attend a ball at the Country Club but conditioned his going on the promise of the American charge, Nelson O'Shaughnessy to attend.

Connections Restored.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Dec. 27.—Telegraphic communication between the provisional capital here and interior and border points was resumed today and Gen. Carranza conferred by wire with Luis J. Zalce, Constitutionalist governor of Sacatecas. Governor Zalce told his chief that practically the entire State of Zacatecas was in the hands of insurgent forces.

TEN TIMES BENEDICT.

Served Prison Term for Having Nine Wives—Marries Again.

New York, Dec. 27.—The marrying habit had Joseph Kohler so completely in its grip that soon after he finished serving a prison sentence for having nine wives, he took a tenth. Wife No. 10 brought him into court today and he pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy. When the tenth Mrs. Kohler had him arrested he had gone back to his first wife whom he married 22 years ago when he was 17 years old and by whom he has had eleven children.

Three of Kohler's wives appeared against him five years ago when he was sent to prison for four and a half years. According to the records produced in court today his first wife was arrested for bigamy during his first moneymoon and his career as a multiple husband began soon after.

CICOTTE REFUSED TO SIGN.

Will Not Sign Without Permission From Fraternity.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Eddie Cicotte, who ranked next to Walter Johnson as pitcher in the American League last season, is reported to have returned his contract to the Chicago Americans unsigned. Cicotte is reported from his Detroit home to have said that although the figure named in the contract was not satisfactory he would have to refuse to sign at present under any circumstances because he had not been given permission by the Players' Fraternity.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 27. — The Republican State Committee of Virginia will meet here January 5th, to consider the reduction of delegates from Southern States to National conventions now provided for recently by the Republican National Committee. Representative Slemp, State chairman, issued the call for the meeting today.

FEDERAL LEAGUE SIGNS

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to join the Federal League.

Bernard York, counsel for the Brooklyn club, said tonight he was unable to say whether resort would be taken to the Federal courts or the New York or Illinois State courts.

York conceded that the fight of organized baseball against the Federal League might reach the United States Supreme court.

GEORGIA'S FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

University of Georgia Will Meet Some Heavy Teams Next Year.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 27.—The University of Georgia's football schedule for 1914 was announced tonight, as follows:

October 3rd, Citadel; October 10th, Sewanee; October 17th, University of North Carolina; October 24th, University of Virginia; October 31st, open; November 7th, Clemson; November 14th, Georgia Tech; November 21st, Auburn.

Pending the outcome of plans for the erection of a new stadium here the cities in which the various games will be played will not be decided upon. It is hoped if the plans materialize to have a number of the more important contests here.

REVENUE CUTTER TO RESCUE.

Pamlico, at Newbern, Goes to Aid of Aged Lighthouse Keeper.

Washington, December 27.—The revenue cutter Pamlico reached Newbern, N. C., early today after an all-night trip under forced draught to carry aid to Alonza J. English, the aged keeper of the lighthouse on Brant Island, in Pamlico Sound. English was brought back to Newbern, but no report on his condition was made to revenue cutter headquarters. Brant Island is a desolate bit of land far out in the sound and news of the illness of English came from his assistant, its only other inhabitant.

Business Locals

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city, for advertisements in this department, upon request by 'phone to No. 51. Messengers will also call for Telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, or advertisements for the Star, but a small charge for strictly Messenger Service. Telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams and bills will be rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union," but for advertisements always call the Star office, No. 51. Locals cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

WE ARE BUILDING for sale, seven room slate roof house on 15th street, between Market and Dock. All conveniences. Lot 45x120 feet. Price, $3,500.00; $1,500.00 cash. Call and ask about this splendid home. Wilder & Metts. de28-1t

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FOR SALE—Good seven-room home at "Carolina Place." Well built and practically new. Lot 66x113 feet. Price less than $4,000.00; can arrange terms. Wilder & Metts, Agents. de28-1t

FOR SALE — We have two lots left on 15th street, between Market and Dock, 45x120 feet. Better secure one of these lots while the price is low. It's a growing section. Wilder & Metts. de28-1t

FIVE ROOM COTTAGE home on South Fourth street for sale. Big lot, water, sewerage, etc. Price, $1,250.00; only $350.00 cash required. Apply to Wilder & Metts, Agents. de28-1t

LOST — 4-months-old Llewellyn setter puppy, female; black and white ticked body; black ears and speckled face. Reward for return or information leading to recovery. T. D. Meares, Jr., 408 Market street. de28-1t

FOR RENT—Newly furnished sleeping apartment in Grand Theatre Bldg. Heat and all conveniences. See D. R. Foster & Company, Agents. de28-1t

FOR RENT—Attractive five-room cottage on nice lot at Winter Park. D. R. Foster & Company, Agents. de28-1t

FOR SALE—Store and house combined on corner lot, in Southern part of City, and paying 14 per cent. as investment. Can arrange terms for purchaser having a small amount of cash. D. R. Foster & Co., agents. de28-1t

FOR SALE—Six-room house, Church near 13th street, splendid investment; good renting section; only small amount cash; balance like rent. Telephone 332. L. W. Moore, Real Estate. de28-1t

LIST YOUR PROPERTY for sale or rent with L. W. Moore, Real Estate agent, 123 Princess street. de28-1t

WOOD—All kinds, at Whiteman's wood yard. Best in the city, with prices to suit 'Phone 850. John H. Whiteman. de28-1t*

$550.00 BUYS house and lot on Taylor, near Eighth. Can arrange terms. L. W. Moore, Real Estate Agent, 123 Princess street. de28-1t

FOR RENT — 214 South Eighth, seven rooms, $20; 5-room cottage, Winter Park, $12.50; 1807 Chestnut, 9 rooms, up-to-date; 1616 Dock, 6 rooms, $15; 120 N. Tenth, 6 rooms, new, modern, $20; 704 South Fifth, water and sewerage, $10. Telephone 332, L. W. Moore, Agent. de28-1t

STORES FOR RENT—11 Princess, $50; S Grace, $50; 5th and Queen, $6; 11th and Dock, store and dwelling, $18. L. W. Moore, agent. de28-1t

$100 DOWN, balance rent money, buys 5-room cottage; large lot; improved street; telephone 332. L. W. Moore, agent. de28-1t

FOR SALE—Two more of those good saw mills and a complete line of engines, boilers, pumps, edgers, trimmers and everything needed in an up-to-date mill or factory. Machinery Yard, Wilmington Iron Works. de28-1t

SPECIAL—Tangerines, $2.00 to $2.50 per box. Oranges, $2.00 to $2.50 per box. Grape fruit, $1.50 to $3.50. Consigned; must be sold. W. J. Kirkham Pro. Co., 23 So. Front street. de28-1t*

FOR SALE—5,000 feet of 2x4s, 2x6s, 2x8s and 4x4s, good framing lumber, cheap. 'Phone 314. Wilmington Iron Works, Machinery Yard. de28-1

FOR SUNDAY—Orange, strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice cream. Pure sweet cream, 50c. quart. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co.; 'Phone 485. de27-1f

WANTED—Bright young man as stockkeeper in wholesale house. Good opportunity for advancement. One having experience in handling dry goods preferred. Address in own handwriting P. O. Box 305, City. de27-2t

BOARD AND ROOMS for rent at 110 Dock street. C. W. Hollingsworth. de28-1t*

WANTED—Rooms furnished for light housekeeping for family of three. Price and particulars in first letter. "A. A.," care Morning Star. de28-1t*

FOR SALE—Five acres good for truck, dairy or poultry; one-half mile from car line; Market street road. Geo. H. Ward, 808 N. Fifth street. de28-1t*

STRAYED—Brown and white dog, brindle ears, blind one eye, short legged. Reward for return to Waddell Watters. de28-1t*

TO RENT—Two beautiful rooms, nicely furnished, use of bath (hot and cold), electric lights and use of 'phone 1776-J. 200 So. Second street. de28-1t*

WANTED — Pianos and organs, and all kinds of instruments to tune and repair, by an expert. Johnson & Keen, 205 Princess street. de28 1t*

WANTED—Competent stenographer. Address Box 814, City. de28-1t*

SALESMAN — For general mercantile trade in North Carolina, to sell a new proposition of merit. Attractive commission contract for 1914; $35 weekly for expenses. Miles F. Bixler Co., Wholesale Jewelers, 198-52 Carlin building, Cleveland, Ohio. de28-1t*

WANTED — One large furnished room, near down town section preferred. Address "C. V.," care Star. de28-1t*

DISTRICT MANAGER with ability to secure sub-agents for a wonderful invention embodying six new patented points, placing our portable Gasoline Lamp on a par with electricity. Agents coining money. Allen-Sparks Gas Light Co., Lansing, Mich. de28-1t*

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FOR SALE—Five-room cottage on Chestnut street, near 8th, lot 42 1-2x165 feet. A bargain; lot alone worth price of whole Watson & Applewhite, Sole Agents. de28-1t

SIX-ROOM COTTAGE on South Fourth street for sale. Lot 33x165 feet. The price is just $1,500.00; can arrange excellent terms. Watson & Applewhite, Sole Agents. de28-1t

WE HAVE THREE HOMES for sale on Fifth street between Chestnut and Red Cross streets. Prices range from $3,250.00 to $8,000.00. If desirous of securing a Home in this splendid locality, see us Monday. Watson & Applewhite, 210 Princess street. 'Phone 65. de28-1t

FOR SALE—A good building lot on 15th street near Dock. Price $500.00; part cash, balance easy terms. See Watson & Applewhite, Sole Agents. de28-1t

MODERN HOME for sale in Wilmington's most fashionable suburb, Carolina Heights. Has eight large rooms, hall, butler's pantry, servants' closet and garage. The price is less than $8,000. See Watson & Applewhite, about this, Monday. de28 1t

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FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room for one or two gentlemen, convenient for railroad men of either road or office. All conveniences. 'Phone 1650-W. de28-1t*

ONE FURNISHED ROOM for couple or one gentleman. Very cosy, and connected with bath room; 220 North Fourth street. de28-1t*

FOR RENT—A nice hall bedroom with all conveniences, at 118 N. Third st. 'Phone 1725-J. de28-1t*

HOME WANTED—I sleep during the day and work at night. I shall expect a quiet, comfortable sleeping apartment and wholesome food the year 'round. Can furnish best of references. Young Man, care Star. de28-1t

GOOD POSITIONS guaranteed to those who attend the Southern Shorthand and Business University, Third and Princess streets. This is the only business college in Wilmington that is thoroughly equipped in every respect to give you a good business training. Winter term begins Monday, January 5th. Low rates now on, write or inquire for information. Prof. E. C. Bowersock, President, Southern Shorthand and Business University, Odd Fellows' Bldg., 3rd floor, Third and Princess streets. de28-1t*

DESIRABLE ROOMS for rent, with or without board; 225 Market street. 'Phone 819-W. de28-1t*

HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE dollars buys four-passenger Studebaker twenty automobile, in good condition, running daily; big bargain. For demonstration, see J. W. Murrell, Western Union. de28-1t*

WANTED—Young man for office work, with some experience in book-keeping. Address "W," care Star. de28-2t

WHY NOT DO that building or repairing that you have been putting off until "after Christmas" this week? See Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. about it. de28-1t

FOREMAN to operate and keep up lath and shingle mill (run in connection with our band saw mill) cutting pine, cypress and hard woods. Must be competent all around man. State wages wanted and give references. D. W. Alderman & Sons, Alcolu, S. C. de28-su2t

CALL US UP tomorrow and say: "Clark-Lynch, I want some real Long Leaf heart lumber to build a fence, all heart posts and stringers, cypress pickets and face boards; something that won't decay." We've got it, and the longer the fence the better. Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. de28-1t

ELEGANT SIDEBOARD and dining table for sale. Parties breaking up housekeeping. Will sell a $125 sideboard for $60 and a $30.00 dining table for $15. Pictures and ornaments also for sale. For particulars, address J. C., Martin, care Star. de28-1t*

APARTMENTS FOR RENT — On first floor. Four large airy rooms and large hallway. Also use of bath. E. L. Green, 10 N. Eighth st. de28-1t*

WANTED—By a young man, a nice furnished room, private family preferred. State terms. Not over $6. "J. M.," P. O. Box 833. de28-1t*

FOUND — Small amount of money on Front street. Owner may get same at 308 North Second street, by paying for advertisement. B. A. Robeson. de28-1t*

FOR SALE—We have just received another carload of new machinery, including engines, boilers, hoisting engines, pulleys and pumps. We make the right prices and terms. Wilmington Iron Works. de28-1f

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SALESMAN for general mercantile trade. Vacancy January 1st. Unexcelled specialty proposition. Commission contract, $35 weekly for expenses. Continental Jewelry Co., 297-52 Continental Bldg., Cleveland Ohio. de28-1t*

FLORIDA EAST COAST fruit and truck farms, $1 per acre per month. Healthiest climate. Finest orange and grapefruit land. Prosperous colony making good. Main line railroad. Write for description. Agents wanted. C. V. Nichol, Roseland, Florida. de28-1t*

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FOR RENT—One choice room, all modern conveniences, with or without table board, at 316 Red Cross. de28 1t

WANTED—Machinist, $4; stationary engineer $75; blacksmith, $3.50; lumber inspector, $75; clothing manager, $125; dry goods clerk, $100; yard foreman, $100; mill foreman, $125. McRae, 316 1-2 Franklin street, Tampa, Fla. de28-1t*

SEE OUR FANCY lines beef and lamb. Nice dressed chickens, beef, pork and lamb. Cauliflower, lettuce, spinach, celery, grape fruit and oranges. Fresh sauer kraut. Fancy groceries. Pure leaf lard, 14c. lb. Country eggs. Palace Market, 108 S. Front street; 'phone 72. de27 1f

FOR SALE — My Waverly convertible roadster, fully equipped. New Stock, with charging outfit. Cost, $2,500.00. If interested, will name you the lowest price for the niftiest car ever offered. Can be seen at No. 7 Market street. G. F. Hunt; 'phone 879. A New Year's gift worth while. de27-3t

WANTED—White housekeeper, 35 to 45 years of age. Apply, stating price, E. T. Bryant, Camp Manufacturing Co. de27-2t

A PRACTICAL, experienced farmer, capable of assuming entire control of a large farm, wants position for 1914. Address Box 561, Wilmington, N. C. de23,25,27,28-4t*

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DR. JOSEPH A. HOLMES, GREAT CONSERVATOR OF HUMAN LIFE

Former North Carolinian Doing a Remarkable Work as Head of the United States Bureau of Mines—Reduces Death Rate.

Ashmun Brown, writing in the Utica Saturday Globe, has the following about Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, former Professor of Geology at the State University, later secretary of the North Carolina Geological Survey and now director of the United States Bureau of Mines:

A public service that measures its activities in terms of human lives saved is the U. S. Bureau of mines. Here is the test; In 1907, before the establishment of the bureau, the accidental death rate among coal miners was appalling. The bureau was charged with the duty, among others, of making "diligent investigation of the methods of mining, especially in relation to the safety of miners, and the appliances best adapted to prevent accidents." Already a reduction of one-third in the mine accident death rate has been made. And that reduction is directly traceable to the work of the bureau.

Where it cost a human life for every 144,325 tons mined in 1907, one human life now pays for 226,460 tons.

Made Price of Lives Go Up.

The bureau of mines has made the price of human lives go up and the cost of coal, as measured in blood, go down.

But the bureau yet has a journey to travel to reach the goal toward which it is moving. Before the bureau of mines began its "safety first" campaign, the death rate from coal mine accidents in the United States was on the increase. Since the bureau has been at work the rate has steadily decreased. It is the testimony of the West Virginia coal mine operators—volunteer testimony at that—that no less than 3,800 lives have been saved through the activities of the bureau of mines since that organization came into being.

They have the figures to prove it—figures as solid and reliable as an actuary's monthly tables.

In dollar savings the bureau also has a wonderful record. In a statement issued by the American Mining Congress during its session at Philadelphia in October, it was declared that the work of two of the bureau's experts in the State of Oklahoma "has already resulted in a saving of more than $10,000,000 worth of natural gas a year, and within the next few months this saving will reach $23,000,000 a year."

And that is but one item of many.

A dreamy-eyed scientist, Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, is director of the bureau of mines. He organized it. Before it was authorized by law he assisted materially in creating the sentiment that moved Congress to provide for its establishment.

Practical mining men who did not know him were inclined to sneer at the ideas he advanced when he was appointed. They were fooled by the dreamy eyes, the gentle speech, the studious manner of the scientist. They were sure he could not teach them anything of the business in which they had been engaged all their lives.

Group by group, as the activities of the bureau of mines reaches them, they are coming over. It is the practical men who are chief supporters of the bureau of mines today. The Holmes theories have the most remarkable way of being proved sound and helpful. In fact, the dreamy-eyed scientist has triumphed in every effort he has put forward to aid the mining industry in the prevention of waste of human life. Visionary he may appear to the superficial observer; intensely practical he proves himself in action.

Miners and mine operators the country over accord him and his bureau—a very infant among the bureaus of the government—unstinted praise. But he makes it plain in all his writings and utterances that the success that has been achieved is only through having the whole hearted co-operation of the mining industry and of State mine inspectors.

It should be borne in mind that the United States bureau of mines has no police power over mines or mining anywhere in the country, save in the Territory of Alaska, and save, also, on government-owned land or Indian land controlled by the government. The bureau cannot say to a mine owner, "You should do this," or "You shall not do that." Such authority is reserved to the State officials. But it can advise, and in most States its advice is eagerly sought. That advice has proven sound.

Safety, efficiency, economy—these are the watchwords of the service. With the devotion of a zealot, Dr. Holmes upholds them. In a remarkably short time he has made them mean something more than an academic phrase in this country.

To him and to his bureau is ascribed full credit for launching the "safety first" campaign in the mining industry. The actual accomplishments of that campaign in lives saved made a profound impression. Now the campaign has spread to every factory, workshop and railroad in the country.

True, there have been safety laws in great number in mines and factories and shops. But the Holmes idea is different. That idea is not to try to compel people to do certain things; it is to get them to do it willingly by showing them that it is the best thing for them to do, viewed from their own and every other point of view. Dr. Holmes believes that more can be accomplished by educating than by clubbing.

Has Convincing Way.

Students of the American have pointed out that that individual enjoys nothing more than figuring out some way to beat a rule of action that has been laid down arbitrarily for him. Tell him that he must not do a certain thing and immediately he falls to work to devise a scheme for doing that precise thing, but in a perfectly legal fashion.

Maybe Dr. Holmes, being a profound student, had this in mind when he started his work. Anyhow he is unique among government bureau chiefs; he isn't always asking more and more power to compel people to do things. He isn't asking that the Constitution be strained to increase his authority. The average bureau chief is. Dr. Holmes, however, is always asking for authority to make investigations, to do research work, to get the materials for his anti-waste campaign.

He is always prying around to get at the weak spot in mineral industries that is responsible for waste. Then in a matter of fact way he spreads his evidence before the men who are handling that industry and shows them where there is money and increased efficiency for them in reforming their methods.

Is it any wonder that those men are for him and for his work Is it curious that they have ceased their chatter about dreamy-eyed scientists in government employ?

The Holmes idea is to use the great scientific resources of his bureau to work out practical methods for reducing the waste of lives and material in the mining industry, leaving it to the intelligence of that industry to make use of the methods. The waste in mineral products in this country through the use of uneconomic methods has been calculated at a million dollars a day. Already the Holmes idea has made great inroads on that waste.

Education, co-operation, volunteer reforms—these comprise his working formula. It is proving more successful than the old plan of clubbing with law. The mining industry clamor resulted in 1910 in the law of Congress creating the bureau of mines, of which Dr. Holmes was appointed director.

Now the doctor has found in his early investigatoins that, contrary to general belief, dust explosions were in a large measure responsible for coal mine accidents. Heretofore it had been believed that only gas explosions were to be chiefly feared.

In a tube of steel, erected at the Pittsburg experimental station of the new bureau, Dr. Holmes demonstrated to a group of invited operators and miners the explosibility of coal dust without the presence of gas.

"What happens in an experimental tube does not happen in the mine," commented some of the mining men. Then Dr. Holmes secured a real coal mine at Pittsburg and made practical experiments. In a dramatic way he proved his point.

The result in this country has been the general installation in coal mines of humidifying methods whereby the dangerous dust is robbed of its terror. In some instances exhaust steam is turned into the mine for the purpose; in others the floor of workings is sprinkled frequently. The dust danger has been partially eliminated and explosions are fewer.

When the bureau began its work the use of black powder for blasting purposes, with its long and dangerous flame, was common and had been productive of unnumbered fatalities. Improper explosives and improper use of explosives plainly were the cause of many accidents.

Dr. Holmes set his bureau to work to find for the operators a number of powders that could be used with a reasonable degree of safety. Thirty such were found. They make up what is now known as the list of permissible explosives recommended for use in gaseous or dusty mines. Now, three years afterwards, 18,000,000 pounds of these permissible explosives are being used in the United States, a greater amount than is being used in Great Britain, where such explosives are compulsory and have been in use for a number of years.

Point Out Better System.

Dr. Holmes did not need any law to make American mine operators use these explosives. He simply showed them that it was wise and economical for them to do so. That was all that was necessary.

Prior to the establishment of the bureau there was no definite system of rescue work in any of the coal mines of the country. There were three sets of oxygen rescue apparatus in the United States when the bureau ordered one for its use. Resuscitation apparatus was unknown. First aid to the injured did not amount to much outside of the anthracite district of Pennsylvania, where it was highly developed.

Dr. Holmes, at once on assuming the directorship of the bureau, organized a small but highly experienced corps of rescue workers. This has grown until now the bureau maintains six mine rescue stations and eight mine rescue cars in those of the larger coal mines in which mine disasters are most likely to occur.

But this is only a part. The real work was undertaken in those pioneer days only three years ago. That was in training volunteer rescue corps at all the great mines of the country. State mine inspectors, operators and miners co-operated heartily. They all wanted to learn from the experts the best methods of saving life.

So the rescue force of the bureau now is but a part of the great rescue force that has grown up in all coal mining districts. While a practical force itself, the bureau's rescue equipment and personnel serve their larger purpose in being educational.

And this is characteristic of all the larger activities of the bureau. It simply points the way to better things, acts as a center for organized effort, assists in consolidating isolated movements for improvement, and furnishes the experts research and advice necessary.

A tall, alert and active man, with those dreamy eyes of the student that have deceived so many a "practical man," Dr. Holmes has little of the ordinary government bureau chief about him. There isn't a trace of red tape in his make-up. He is not the sort to waste effort in the interbureau squabbles that often characterize departmental life in Washington. He concentrates on his job.

All his life he has done this. Born in that heavily mineralized State, North Carolina, he early became interested in mineralogy, metallurgy, geology and chemistry. At Cornell, from which university he was graduated in 1880, he devoted special attention to studies in the chemistry of explosives.

During his career he has studied in foreign countries, as well as in many parts of the United States, methods of mining with special reference to his hobbies—the lessening of the sacrifice of life and the lessening of the waste of resources.

From 1881 to 1891 he was professor

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NOVEL POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM FOR NEW YORK

Plan to Make the Policeman a "Minute Man," and Save 3,400,000 Telephone Calls a Year—Gotham's Army of Industrial Workers—Expert on American Finance.

New York, Dec. 27.—A new system of police signalling will be installed in Gotham within a short time according to an announcement made recently by the Police Commissioner. It will consist of a system of colored lights which will be flashed at the call box when a policeman is needed in a particular locality. Heretofore it has been difficult for the precinct houses to get in touch with the officer on beat in case of an emergency unless he happened to be near the call box when the bell sounded and often it was necessary to send out a reserve man with instructions thus causing in many cases a serious delay. Under the new system red lights will be connected with the call boxes and so placed that they may be seen several blocks away by the policeman. An idea of the saving of time and energy and in increased protection to the public may be gained when it is recalled that during the past year 567,179 messages were transmitted by the police department telegraph bureau. Each of these necessitated an average of six connections, making in all 3,405,574 telephone connections. It is believed that with the new method in operation a higher degree of discipline will be enforced as the officer on beat cannot make the excuse that he had not seen the light, whereas in the case of the bell, the plea that he did not hear it saved him often times from being brought up on charges. One great advantage of the new system is that in case of robbers in a house the owner will be able to telephone to the police, and almost before he is off the wire the red light will flash for the policeman on the beat, and help can be sent within a minute or two of the first call for aid.

According to the latest figures issued by the State Department of Labor the most important industries in New York City are the manufacturing of clothing and millinery which give employment to more than a quarter of a million operatives. In the maufacture of women's clothing more than 100,000 are engaged, while on men's garments there are nearly 70,000 on women's white goods 14,000, and in millinery 12,000. In the various lines of metal working more than 100,000 men are employed. Printing and paper goods are third on the list in the number of employes, being upward of 60,000. In New York city there are 34,000 factories with 682,796 employes, which represents more than 55 per cent of the total factory population of the Empire State. In Manhattan the ratio of employes is higher than in the other boroughs, it having 68 per cent of the employes of the metroplis, Brooklyn 22 per cent, Queens 5 per cent, Bronx 4 per cent and Richmond 1 per cent. In Brooklyn the most important industry is the manufacture of clothing. Of the 37,000 textile mill operatives in Gotham 14,000 are employed in Brooklyn. The Bronx has for its leading industries metalworking and the manufacture of pianos and textiles. Queens and Richmond have metalworking as their principal industry.

Is national and individual extravagance responsible for the financial difficulties that confront the American people today? That is the question that has started a lively controversy between the New York University and the American Society for Thrift. The Thrift Society from its headquarters in Chicago is inculcating old-fashioned ideas of prudence and the importance of living within one's income. Its teachings are criticised by the representatives of the local university who cheerfully deplore that Americans have abandoned a "penny-wise,pound foolish" policy, a statement that has brought down upon them some caustic comment. "Take the case af a cat chasing her tail; the faster the tail goes the faster must be the pursuit" Chairman S. W. Straus of the American Society for Thrift wrote the University. The more we Americans spend, the more desperate must be the effort in the confict to secure the wherewithal to pay and the result of this sort of thing has been a ruthlessness in business and a wantonness in

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Some Thrillers This Week!

THAT WILL MAKE YOU WONDER HOW IT'S DONE—HOW THE SUBJECTS MANAGE TO ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES

Actually, physical danger can be inferred for the actors in some of these dramas—and in most cases physical danger was braved in making the pictures. It will quicken your pulse!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

"The Clue of the Broken Finger"

A three-part Warner Feature, showing an innocent man's fight for freedom, introducing all the up-to-date methods employed by the police for tracing criminals. Full of intense and exciting action from start to finish. Imagine a terriffic fight on the pilot of a locomotive running fifty miles an hour! This and many other hair-raising stunts are performed throughout the three long reels. One of the best Warner's of the year.

"Charlie's Little Joke."

A Crystal comedy—one of those whole-souled, clean, rich, comedy kinds.

"Baldy Belmont as a Roman Gladiator."

A Crystal serio-comic of the highest class.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

"From Out the Storm"

A "Broncho" feature in two long reels. Introducing again beautiful Mae Marsh and handsome Bobby Burns, in a strong two-reel drama.

"How Filmy Won His Sweetheart."

Showing a picture theatre operator's love affairs. Good comedy.

"Dress Reform" and "Baldy Belmont Wanted a Wife."

Two good Crystal pictures. The former shows that photoplay favorite, Pearl White, in the leading role of a strong drama, while the latter is a comedy with a laugh every minute.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st.

"The Secret Marriage"

A strong Warner Feature in three parts. "The Secret Marriage" is a true story of life—so true and good that you will tell your friends about it. The theme depicts the power of a woman's jealousy—the power of utter destruction of all about her. Some of the biggest Warner stars play the leading roles in this great Warner melodrama, and you will surely like it.

"When Father Goes to Church."

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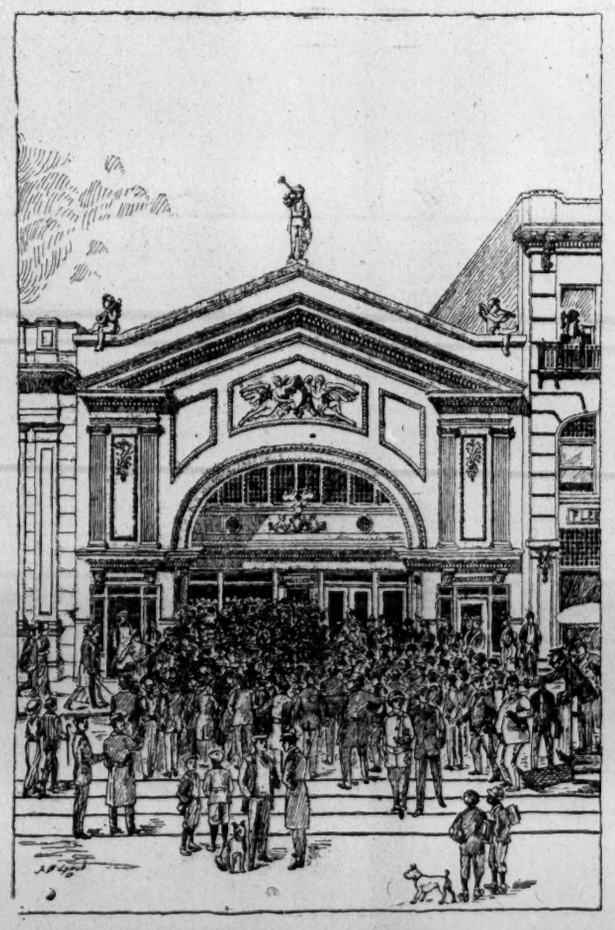

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NEW YEAR'S DAY.

"The Winner"

A Victor feature play in two reels. The story tells of a jockey and his infatuation for his employer's daughter, a winsome little girl of fourteen. The jockey goes to the bad, but is later found and reformed by the girl. He is later reinstated into the Jockey Club, and rides his horse to victory, and, of course, gets the girl. Very pretty story.

"The Real Mother."

The story of a chorus girl, and the many interesting situations that can develop in such a surrounding.

"Thou Shalt Not Rubber."

An Imp comedy. This is one of the laugh hits of the year.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2nd.

Joe Welch, World's Greatest Hebrew Impersonator, in

"The Struggle for Wealth"

A gigantic Warner production in three reels, powerful, appealing, exciting. "The Struggle for Wealth" is full of spirited action and big scenes, an appealing story of a poor emigrant's struggles for the comforts of life. Joe Welch is recognized as the greatest Hebrew impersonator in the world, and no one should miss the opportunity of seeing him in this intensely dramatic treat. You would gladly pay $1.50 to see him in any vaudeville house in the country.

"The Water Cure."

A strong comedy.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd.

"Roger, the Pride of the Ranch"

One of those big Western productions which the Bijou has been presenting every now and then. This story introduces some of the biggest stars on the movie stage, and the scenes are laid in the great, wild West. One of the best horsemen in the world is introduced in one of the leading roles.

"The Wife Must Follow the Husband."

One of the best comedies of the season.

"Quiet Little Wedding."

A ludicrous comic, introducing the fat man.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JANUARY 4

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 9:30-41; 10:13-16.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another; for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."—I Pet. 5:5.

We now return to the New Testament, and during this year finish those studies on the life of Christ which were followed during the year 1912. Almost as though it were an answer to the question, "who are for him, and who are against him?" that was asked in the last lesson for that year, we have presented for our study today, the relations of Jesus with children. In his teachings about children, as about so many other things, Jesus stands unique among all religious teachers.

The events of this lesson occurred during the summer of A. D. 29, during the time of his Perean ministry, which extended from his final departure from Galilee until his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Lust for Power.

I. A Wayside Dispute, vv. 30-37.—As though by way of contrast, the lesson committee has given us this side-light as to the effect, up to this time, upon the hearts of the disciples of those great truths Jesus had been teaching them, about the method whereby he was to establish his kingdom. The disciples lusted for power, a wrangling which had not yet ceased. Jesus waited until they had arrived at Capernaum, and ther heat had cooled somewhat before taking any notice of the dispute. In response to his questioning they held their peace, for, after reflection, they were ashamed of what had taken place, v. 34. Jesus then presented to them a concrete example of what is to be required of all of those who shall seek to enter into this new kingdom. That was a more pertinent question than the one they had just been discussing. (Luke 18:15-17) tells us that these disciples desired to send the children away, hence the words, Suffer them to come." Ever after, when this mean, low, ambition to be "the greatest" came up, there must have arisen before them, in memory, this picture. His appeal to children meets a well nigh universal response in the hearts of men. The fact that the child was so near at hand is suggestive of the attractiveness of Jesus. The disciples were seemingly afraid of him (v. 32), not so, however, the child. For us to receive one who perfectly trusts him is to receive Jesus himself, and to receive Jesus is to receive the Father, for he came as the representative of the Father, the full revelation of God, Col. 2:9. To enter the kingdom is of course preliminary to any question of precedence in that kingdom. Jesus taught these disciples that as a little child is teachable (Matt. 18:3), so must all be who are to follow him.

Thus Jesus contrasts the spirit of humility with that of pride which they had just shown. The lower we put ourselves the higher God will exalt us, Phil. 2:6-11. Jesus rebuked his disciples and taught them that rather than seek the place of authority and leadership, they ought to take the place of a child, that they may be taught and be ruled.

II. Authority Denied, vv. 38-41. The spirit manifested by these disciples (v. 38) is far from having been removed from the earth after all of these years. The ability to cast out devils in the name of Jesus was evidence enough in his mind that such persons were for, and not against, him, vv. 39, 40. It is not, however, the ability to cast out the devils, but rather the fact that a service had been performed "in his name," which bulked large in his mind. Such is the service that has its reward, v. 41 and Matt. 12:30.

Set Good Example.

III. Angels in Disguise, 10:13-16. This attitude of Jesus towards those children about him (9:36) led others to bring their children to him, and among these were the babies, Luke 18:15. Try and picture the scene as Jesus extended his hands in blessed benediction. What effect this blessing may have had upon a baby's heart we are not told, but we can imagine that a sense of responsibility for Christian nurture must have remained with these parents, Eph. 6:4. Those in charge of these children have set us a good example in bringing them thus early to Jesus. To allow children to reach the "years of undertanding" before teaching them the way of life, is as unreasonable as is neglect teaching children the habits of physical cleanliness, until they are old enough to understand sanitation, hygiene, or the laws of medical science.

As we look back over these incidents we are impressed by the fact that those who engage in such a silly, nay, even wicked a discussion as to the matter of pre-eminence—whether it be that they had a spiritual or temporal idea of that kingdom—stood dumb before him when called upon to justify themselves. Those who fain would send the children away are rebuked, and it is revealed to them that these stood nearer to the Christ than did the disciples themselves. Even those not socially nor personally attractive may be received "in my name," i. e., for his sake.

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Annual Report of County Auditor

For the Fiscal Year Ending November 30th, 1913.

December 9th, 1913.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
of New Hanover County, Wilmington, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Please find herewith attached my annual report of all County Funds for the year ending November 30th, 1913, together with certain statements and comment, as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"—General Balance Sheet.
EXHIBIT "B"—Revenue Statement.
EXHIBIT "C"—General County Fund.
EXHIBIT "D"—New Hanover County Road Fund.
EXHIBIT "E"—Special Bridge Fund.
EXHIBIT "F"—James Walker Memorial Hospital Fund.
EXHIBIT "G"—Court House Bond Fund.
EXHIBIT "H"—Road Bond Sinking Fund.
EXHIBIT "I"—Townships Road Fund.
EXHIBIT "J"—Salary Fund.
EXHIBIT "K"—Taxes and Licenses charged to Sheriff 1912 and 1913 and amount paid over by him to date.
EXHIBIT "L"—Recorder's Court—Fines and Costs.
EXHIBIT "M"—Maintenance of Convicts, Roads constructed, etc.
EXHIBIT "N"—Distribution of Rock from Quarry.

COMMENT.

You will note from Exhibit "C" that the cost for Tax Listing was $1,752.80 as against $1,853.10 for the previous year, a decrease of $100.30, although we had two listers in Harnett township this year which increased the cost in that township more than $150.00, making a real deduction of about $250.00. In this connection it should be taken into consideration that this work was greater this year owing to an increase of more than 10 per cent. in total taxable values and the further fact that the time for listing taxes was considerably extended.

In my opinion the cost of listing taxes can be considerably reduced by making some changes in the present system; one of which is to take the Tax Lists in duplicate, using these as the permanent records, instead of re-writing them in the Tax Books (which is a duplication of work), and I respectfully ask your authority for making this change.

The Law requires me to record on the Tax books all transfers of Real Estate in order to avoid errors in listing. It is impossible to comply with the letter of the Law at present owing to insufficient descriptive evidence; therefore I would request that you ask our Senator and Representative to present a bill in the next General Assembly requiring that all deeds or other conveyances be presnted to the County Auditor before being recorded by the Register of Deeds, so that full information can be secured to enable me to make the proper record on the Tax books. Not only would this prevent errors in Tax listing but it would enable the County Auditor to have all Tax lists covering Real Estate ready for signature of the owner at Tax listing time, whose time would only be required to list Personal property and affix his signature, thus saving the Tax Payers of the County the loss of much valuable time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. ORRELL,
County Auditor.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.
as at November 30th, 1913.
ASSETS.

Funded:		
Cash on Deposit by Auditor standing to credit of the following funds:		
Road Bond Sinking Fund	$ 15,158.42	
Hospital Fund	391.53	
Salary Fund	244.43	
Townships Road Fund	1,275.45	$ 17,069.83
Less, overdraft—		
General County Fund	4,604.00	
N. H. County Road Fund	10,927.80	
Special Bridge Fund	9,334.87	$ 24,866.67
County Funds—overdraft—		7,796.84
School Funds—overdraft—		7,702.59
Total Overdraft		$ 15,499.43
Current:		
Taxes 1913 Due County	$ 66,420.24	
Taxes 1913 Due Schools	65,676.75	$132,096.99
NECESSARY INVESTMENTS.		
General County:		
Court House and land; Jail and land	$125,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	6,000.00	131,000.00
County Home and land	$ 35,500.00	
Furniture, Equipment and Produce	3,401.27	38,901.27
Oak Grove Cemetery		1,000.00
Federal Point railroad, less depreciation		10,800.00
Camp and Quarry Equipment, Road Roller, Etc.		20,279.88 $201,981.15

General School: (Including Buildings, Fixtures and Land).

	White.	Colored.	
City Schools	$201,500.00	$13,500.00	$215.000.00
Rural Schools	20,955.00	7,135.00	28,090.00
	$222,455.00	$20,635.00	$243,090.00
Land donated by U. S. Government for Industrial School (estimated)			25,000.00 $268,090.00
			$586,668.71

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "A"

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET.
as at November 30th, 1913.
LIABILITIES.

Bonded Indebtedness:		
Court House 5s issued Feb. 18, 1891, due Jan. 1, 1917	$ 50,000.00	
Less, Redeemed	42,200.00	
		$ 7,800.00
New Hanover County Road Fund:		
4½s issued Jan. 1, 1902, due Jan. 1, 1927	$ 50.000.00	
4s issued July 1, 1905, due July 1, 1930	50,000.00	
4½s issued July 1, 1908, due July 1, 1933	50,000.00	
4½s issued July 1, 1911, due July 1, 1936	50,000.00	
		$ 207,800.00
Floating:		
Interest accrued on Court House Bonds	$ 162.50	
Interest accrued on N. H. Co. Road Bonds	3,645.83	3,808.33
Notes payable—Schools		23,070.00
Notes payable—County Roads	$ 10,000.00	
Notes Payable—County, Bridge	10,000.00	
Notes Payable—County, General Fund	5,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		$ 259,678.33
SURPLUS		$ 326,990.38
		$ 586,668.71

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "A."

GENERAL COUNTY FUNDS.
(Exclusive of Schools.)
For year ended November 30th, 1913.

Receipts and Tranfers:		
General County Fund		$ 67,874.24
N. H. County Fund		21.572.62
Road Bond Sinking Fund		11,101.69
Hospital Fund		8,963.54
Townships Road Fund		45.28
Special Bridge Fund		30,569.05
Court House Bond Fund		341.69
Salary Fund		10,619.99
		$151,088.10
Balance on hand December 1st, 1912		33,113.92
		$184,202.02
Disbursements and Transfers:		
General County Fund		$ 83,068.06
N. H. Co. Road Fund		40,317.49
Road Bond Sinking Fund		8,833.80
Hospital Fund		9,074.84
Townships Road Fund		8.00
Special Bridge Fund		39,903.92
Court House Bond Fund		417.19
Salary Fund		10,375.56
		$191,998.86
Balance November 30th, 1913—Overdraft		$ 7,796.84

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "B".

GENERAL FUND.
For the Year Ended November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 10,589.82
	Poll and Property Tax		43,693.88
	Schedule "B" Tax		5,648.38
	Marriage Licenses,		437.95
	Sale of Produce, etc., County Home		3,206.59
	Sale of Horse, County Home		60.00
	Hire of Prisoners		233.12
	Jail Fees—Magistrates	$ 121.70	
	Jail Fees—Superior Court	140.30	
	Jail Fees—Recorder's Court	214.35	476.35
	Recorder's Court Costs	5,297.30	
	Jury Tax	78.00	
	Jury Meals	39.00	
	Stenographer's Fees	294.65	
	Fees, Auditor's Office (Schedule "B")	68.25	
	Notes discounted	5,000.00	
	Back Taxes	1,920.59	
	Refund by Sheriff (Petty Cash)	200.00	
	Superior Court Costs	101.20	
	Magistrates' Court Costs	3.90	
	Apprentice	6.00	
	Cancelled warrants	51.76	
	Sale of Land (N. W. P. Co.)	1,000.00	
	Sale of Land, (T. A. Watson)	57.32	$ 78,464.06
	Overdraft, November 30th, 1913.		4,604.00
			$ 83,068.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries:			
Attorney, (Includes Nov. 1912)*	$ 1,083.33*		
Auditor, (7 months)	729.16		
Clerk to Board, (Includes Nov. 1912)*	1,433.32*		
Clerk to Auditor	370.00		
Jailer, (7 months)	595.00		
Janitor (Includes Nov. 1912)	770.00		
Solicitor (4-1-13 to 11-30-13)	1,200.00		
Bridge Tender	69.46		
County Commissioners, (Includes Nov. 1912)	1,787.15		
Health Department	4,086.75		
Magistrates	172.65		
Stationery and Advertising	972.97		
Jail	2,918.52		
Recorder's Court—Recorder's salary	$2,000.00		
Recorder's Court—Other Expenses	1,837.65	3,837.65	
Superior Court		9,805.38	
Roads and Bridges		10,166.03	
Out Door Poor		4,129.17	
United Charities		1,606.60	
County Home		7,990.59	
Farm Demonstrator		490.00	
Elections		892.30	
Tax Listing		1,752.80	
Red Cross Society		1,375.00	
Military		600.00	
Coroner		619.45	
Constables		163.35	
Court House		4,009.10	
Interest on Loans		100.00	
Incinerator		2,000.00	
Purchase of land (Gregerson)		4,500.00	
Register of Deeds, to April 30th		332.90	
Treasurer's Commission, to April 30th		392.61	
Transfer to New Hanover Co. Roads Fund		8,560.13	
Transfer to Special County Fund		341.69	
Miscellaneous:			
Capture escaped convicts—expense	$ 98.28		
Paid City half cost Recorder's Court 1912 over expense	322.96		
Appropriation suppression of vice	450.00		
Public Auditor, to Nov. 30, 1912	828.14		
Public Auditor, to Oct. 31, 1913	323.00		
Disinfectants previous to June 1, 1913	258.32		
Copies legislative enactments	23.00		
Bonds—advertising, etc.	68.90		
Attendance Board of Health previous to June 1st, 1913	48.00		
Motorcycle	250.00		
Motorcycle expense	22.50		
Refund taxes	25.49		
Preparation County Map	100.00		
Copies (4) Map Wilmington & suburbs	40.00		
Repairs to Automobile, etc.	88.15		
Repairs County Fence	45.00		
Miscellaneous	223.26	3,215.00	$ 83,038.06

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "C".

ROAD FUND.
For Year Ended November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		$ 7,817.07
	Automobile License Tax from State		905.80
	Switching Cars		453.80
	Sale of old engine		150.00
	Warrants—Cancelled		36.67
	Loading Cars		82.65
	Goods returned		18.90
	Interest		21.01
	Sale of Mule		100.00
	Sale of Dynamite		1.70
	Sale of Rock		20.00
	Sale of Hogs		50.00
	Note discounted, due on demand		10,000.00
	Transfer from Bridge Fund		1,171.96
	Transfer from General Fund		8,560.13 $ 29,389.69
	Overdraft, November 30th, 1913		10,927.80
			$ 40,317.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchase of ten Mules	$ 2,580.00	
Wagons and Harness	457.53	
Tools and Machinery	597.28	
Insurance on Mules	204.75	
Wheel Houses	720.00	
Stable Tent	174.00	
Automobile	1,050.00	
Automobile, License and Expense	189.87	
Feeding Mules	2,462.82	
Feeding Prisoners	10,066.04	
Clothing and Bedding	2,691.37	
Freight on Rock, etc.	2,278.33	
Repairs—Miscellaneous	1,187.28	
Material—Rock, Lumber, etc.	284.37	
Coal	1,046.49	
Superintendence and Labor	8,654.71	
Shoeing Mules	127.60	
Quarry Expense	1,364.36	
Supplies—Hardware, Nails, etc.	1,459.84	
Rent of Flat Cars	15.40	
Miscellaneous	2,303.96	
Treasurer's Commision to April 30th, 1913	141.90	
Interest	259.59	$ 40,317.49

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "D".

SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND.
For Year Ended November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Tax Levy		$ 10,569.05
	Notes discounted		20,000.00
	Overdraft, November 30th, 1913		9,334.87 $ 39,903.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Payments on Northeast River Bridge during year	$ 28,144.63	
Transfers to Road Fund to cover payments 1912	1,171.96	
Notes Paid	10,000.00	
Interest on Notes	406.68	
Treasurer's Commission to April 30th, 1913	180.65	$ 39,903.92

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "E".

HOSPITAL FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand	$ 502.83	
	Tax Levy	8,963.54	$ 9,466.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriation for the Year	$ 9,000.00	
Treasurer's Commission to April 30th, 1913	74.84	
Balance on hand November 30th, 1913	391.53	$ 9,466.37

Examined and found correct:
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "F".

COURT HOUSE BOND FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand	$ 75.50	
	Transferred from General Fund	341.69	$ 417.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Bonds	$ 415.00	
Treasurer's Commision to April 30th, 1913	2.19	$ 417.19

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "G".

ROAD BOND SINKING FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

1912	Dec. 1st, Balance on hand	$ 12,890.53	
	Tax Levy	10,517.10	
	Interest	584.59	$ 23,992.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on Bonds	$ 8,750.00	
Treasurer's Commission to April 30th, 1913	83.80	
Balance on hand November 30th, 1913	15,158.42	$ 23,992.22

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "H".

TOWNSHIPS ROAD FUND.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

Dec. 1st, 1912, Balance on hand		$ 1,238.17	
Feb. 8th, 1913, Road Tax, Cape Fear Township		14.00	
July 1st, 1913, Interest		18.66	
Sept. 1st, 1913, Interest		12.62	$ 1,283.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 8th, 1913, Repairs Roads and Bridges, Cape Fear Township.		$ 8.00	
Nov. 30th, 1913, Balance on hand		1,275.45	$ 1,283.45
Dec. 1st, 1913, Balance, Cape Fear Township	$	565.99	
Balance Federal Point Township		126.78	
Balance Masonboro Township		29.32	
Balance Harnett Township		553.36	$ 1,275.45

EXHIBIT "I".

SALARY FUND.
May 1st, 1913, to November 30th, 1913.
RECEIPTS.

	Sheriff	Clerk,S.C.	Register	Constable	Total
May	$	$ 199.80	$ 360.80	$ 50.00	$ 610.60
June	995.36	398.23	334.32	79.00	1,806.91
July	437.60	371.15	386.56	43.95	1,219.46
August	360.03	429.05	302.20	79.90	1,171.18
September	257.17	338.34	390.90	81.40	1,067.81
October	1,636.29	413.31	387.20	63.20	2,500.00
November	1,050.68	769.30	359.90	64.15	2,244.03
Total	$4,737.13	$2,919.38	$2,501.88	$ 461.60	$10,619.99

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Sheriff	Clerk,S.C.	Register	Constable	Bond Prem.	Total
May	$ 541.67	$ 379.17	$ 341.66	$ 60.00	$ 12.50	$ 1,335.00
June	541.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	315.00	1,669.17
July	541.66	379.16	358.34	60.00	-------	1,339.16
August	541.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	-------	1,354.17
September	591.67	379.17	358.33	75.00	-------	1,404.17
October	541.66	379.16	358.34	63.20	-------	1,342.36
November	595.67	379.17	358.33	64.15	-------	1,397.32
Provisions	20.55	for Jail from County Home				20.55
Provisions	513.66	for Jail Purchased				513.66
Total	$4,429.88	$2,654.17	$2,491.66	$ 472.35	$ 327.50	$10,375.56
Surplus	$ 307.25	265.21	10.22	-------	-------	244.43
Deficit	-------	-------	-------	10.75	327.50	-------

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "J".

Statement of 1913 Taxes and Licenses charged to Sheriff, and amount paid by him to the Treasurer, as of date November 30th, 1913.

Real and Personal (White)		$14,095,091.00	
Real and Personal (Colored)		741,934.00	
Bank and Corporation Stock		4,294,246.00	
Polls White	3341		$157,514.13
Polls (Colored)	1370	4711	8,856.68
Dogs	69		138.00
			$166,508.81
Schedule "B"			5,945.41
Total charged to Sheriff			$172,454.22
Amount paid to Treasurer, Nov. 30th, 1913			40,357.23
Amount to be collected			$132,096.99

	Paid	Uncollected
School Fund	$ 8,418.20	$ 36,979.84
School Fund Special	-------	28,696.91
General Fund	31,939.03	15,526.47
Poor Fund	-------	1,790.18
Hospital Fund	-------	9,565.63
Road Sinking Fund	-------	20,406.69
Special Bridge Fund	-------	11,478.76
Health Department Fund	-------	7,652.51
Total	$40,357.23	$132,096.99

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "K".

Statement of 1912 Taxes and Licenses charged to Sheriff and amount paid by him to the Treasurer, as of date November 30th, 1913.

	Assessment.	
Real and Personal (White)	$12,694,944.00	
Real and Personal (Colored)	687,934.00	
Bank and Corporation Stock	3,873,781.00	
Total	17,256,659.00	$129,424.95
Polls (White	2907	
Polls (Colored)	1330	4237 10,634.87
Dogs	8	16.00
Total		$140,075.82
Listed by Sheriff:		
Real and Personal and Corporation	148,569.00	$ 1,114.28
Polls	815	2,045.65
Schedule "B"		2,045.65
Collected since settlement 1911:		
Real and Personal Property, $2,323.00		16.04
Polls, 28		65.24
Total		$147,892.62

CREDITS.

Insolvent Polls, 1,523	$ 3,822.73
Insolvent Personal and Stocks, 65,652.00	492.39
Insolvent Dogs, 2	4.00
Abatements:	
Real, Personal, Etc., $46,327.00	347.45
Polls, 11	27.61
Real Estate sold for Taxes, $144,078.00	1,446.06
Polls sold with Real Estate, 44	110.44
	$ 6,250.68
Total charged to Sheriff	$141,641.94
Sheriff's Commission	4,487.06
Sheriff's cost in property sold	417.60
Amount paid Treasurer	$136,737.28
School Fund,	$ 38,308.73
School Fund Special	26,438.20
General Fund	39,652.06
Poor Fund	1,288.60
Hospital Fund	9,963.54
Road Sinking Fund	10,517.10
Special Bridge Fund	10,569.05
	$136,737.28

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "K".

RECORDER'S COURT—Fines and Costs.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
Current Fines and Costs collected during 1913:

		Fines	Costs	Jail Fees	Solicitor	Total
December,	1912	$1,425.95	$ 413.70	$ 22.55	-------	$1,862.20
January,	1913	557.30	211.20	9.60	-------	778.10
February	"	400.00	233.75	17.05	-------	650.80
March	"	243.00	233.15	10.90	-------	487.05
April	"	371.35	218.25	24.90	57.75	672.25
May	"	279.55	246.50	19.10	41.00	586.15
June	"	255.55	254.25	9.65	32.25	555.70
July	"	229.95	265.00	10.10	45.00	550.05
August	"	397.65	248.95	10.95	41.75	699.30
September	"	143.55	347.20	10.15	84.00	584.90
October	"	222.00	298.40	15.15	55.75	591.30
November	"	303.25	424.30	16.80	80.50	824.85
Total		$4,833.10	$3,394.65	$ 176.90	$ 438.00	$8,842.65
DELINQUENTS—1913—Collected:						
December,	1912	10.00	4.70	-------	-------	14.70
January	1913	46.30	22.50	4.05	-------	72.85
February	"	39.90	74.35	2.80	-------	117.05
March	"	31.00	38.25	3.65	-------	72.90
April	"	71.25	70.80	3.40	-------	145.45
May	"	29.40	77.25	.85	-------	107.50
June	"	10.40	7.00	-------	-------	17.40
July	"	15.00	43.90	-------	10.50	69.40
August	"	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
September	"	71.25	92.30	1.95	12.00	177.50
October	"	42.45	76.85	.85	4.00	124.15
November	"	21.00	68.85	.85	9.25	99.95
Total		$ 387.95	$ 576.75	$ 18.40	$ 35.75	$1,018.85
DELINQUENTS prior to December 1st, 1912, collected during present year:						
December,	1912	270.10	257.80	5.35	-------	533.25
January	1913	166.40	242.80	5.25	-------	414.45
February	"	64.20	49.60	.85	-------	114.65
March	"	13.15	18.70	.85	-------	32.70
April	"	35.33	25.10	4.55	-------	65.20
May	"	18.30	63.25	1.10	-------	82.65
June	"	5.00	35.40	-------	-------	40.40
July	"	15.00	25.80	-------	-------	40.80
August	"	-------	2.50	-------	-------	2.50
September	"	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------
October	"	46.55	99.55	1.10	-------	147.20

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WILMINGTON'S WATER SUPPLY

By James Nisbet Hazlehurst, Member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Consulting Municipal Engineer, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga.

In view of the recent very general discussion of the water problem in Wilmington, The Star is printing herewith a rather lengthy reply to come criticisms recently passed on the Wilmington waterworks by City Chemist Geo. F. Catlett, the reply being by Mr. J. N. Hazlehurst, consulting engineer for the construction of the present plant, and recognized as one of the ablest men in his profession in the South.

The reply was brought forth by Mr. Marcus W. Jacobi, one of Wilmington's best known and most responsible citizens who was a member of the Water and Sewerage Commission, under the supervision of which the plant was built, and who called Mr. Hazlehurst's attention to the criticisms by Mr. Catlett, with a view of getting at something definite on the matter. Mr. Jacobi, in writing to Mr. Hazlehurst, regarding the plant under date of December 1st, says:

"There has been considerable argument here among our councilmen regarding our water supply, which has not been satisfactory, but which I think is due to the fact that our plant has not been properly worked. The council has gone so far as to vote money for deep wells, and has requested government experts to come and look over the situation. I have always felt, and still feel, that we made no mistake in the selection of our engineers, and am satisfied that our work will be approved by recognized authorities. It is true that the water that is being furnished our city is not what it should be, but, as above stated, I feel that you should be informed as to the action taken in connection with this question, and will be pleased to have any suggestion from you."

Under date of December 17th, Mr. Hazlehurst, in enclosing the report on the situation, writes to Mr. Jacobi as follows:

"As I have said in closing this matter, I have gone into these questions very thoroughly, and have answered to the best of my ability, and having done this, I will not follow the matter up further, realizing that in such technical discussions assertions are simply frequently matters of opinion, which might be prolonged indefinitely.

"With best wishes, and thanking you for your courtesies," etc.

The reply to the criticisms of the plant, addressed to Mr. Jacobi, is as follows:

December 16th, 1913.

Mr. Marcus W. Jacobi, Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Sir:—On my return from an extended professional trip to Florida, I find your letter of the 5th inst., and beg to thank you for calling my attention to a recent article in "The Morning Star" under caption: "The City Water Plant," by City Chemist George F. Catlett, and in which Mr. Catlett undertakes to criticise the plant and the lack of wisdom in the matter of engineering selection in part as follows:

"As mentioned before the old water company secured Hazen & Whipple to install their plant, and if the city had gotten them to add to what they had successfully begun, with their ability and past special study of our conditions, we would have had what was needed. Instead a firm of civil engineers was employed. Now, I do not want to be understood as reflecting on the ability of Messrs. Hazlehurst and Anderson in their profession as engineers, but in view of the lack of knowledge displayed in the city's addition to the water plant under them—lack of knowledge of the chemical and bacterial principles involved—I am convinced that the city would have been wiser in selecting a water engineer."

In consultation with the writer as far back as August 25th, 1911, the senior member of the firm, Mr. Hazen, referring to the water filters at Wilmington, states that:

"Mr. Whipple advised the water company to put in filters long ago, and they acted on his advice. They did not, however, employ us to advise them in regard to the installation of filters but made a contract on their own account. I never knew anything about the kind of plant until it was all in and when I went down in regard to the value of the plant and its purchase by the city."

As a matter of fact, the old filter plant was designed and built by the Pittsburg Filter Manufacturing Company without the least assistance from these or any other of the "water experts" who, acording to Mr. Catlett, have designed and constructed practically all of the municipal plants, and the city chemist's lack of exact knowledge of the facts may be reflected in other statements which seem to have been made by him without effort at verification.

It is cheerfully conceded that Mr. Catlett is entitled to his opinion as to our own shortcomings as "water engineers" despite a long and successful practice as such.

Taking up seriatim and answering each criticism to the best of our ability:

Intake.

(1) Criticism: "We also have a 30-inch spiral intake which in an emergency can be connected directly to the pressure pumps, and raw water pumped to the city to the capacity of all the pumps. However, this outfit is of little value from the fact that it was accepted by the city without a necessary strainer. We have never had occasion to use it because not a gallon of raw water has been put in the mains since the plant was installed."

Answer: Again a lack of correct information as to assertions made since there is no 30-inch spiral riveted intake suction line. This is 24-inch and cast iron. The city ordered the 30-inch foot valve on the filtered water well suction and the 24-inch suction direct from makers and these valves were not bought under contract. They were ordered without strainers. The plant engineer was to have copper screen made of basket form and installed at his convenience. This seems not to have been attended to.

Pumps.

(2) Criticism: "The question of pumping and steaming is hardly within the scope of this paper or the writer's field, and can only be touched on in a general way. There are three boilers, either of which will furnish power for the plant as it is now run.

"The filters are supplied with raw water with two low lift, centrifugal pumps. The larger of these is rated at two million gallons per 24 hours, and has been adequate; the other is smaller but is speeded to this capacity. Two pumps are necessary, as they must be stopped frequently for attention. Our total consumption has gone to over two million gallons in 24 hours, and at times during the day the rate greatly exceeds this. This excess is now taken care of by drawing from the reserve supply in the reservoir, which has serious objections. The new sewerage system is greatly increasing the consumption, and it is growing rapidly. There is an urgent need for an additional pump of four million gallon capacity per 24 hours.

"We have four pressure pumps of 4, 2 1-2, 2 and 1 1-2 million gallons capacity per 24 hours, respectively. They can be used singly and together, and can be connected to the filter well, reservoir, or through the large intake directly to the river. We have excellent equipment in this respect. However, the largest pump was bought with an arrangement that should economize in the use of steam; this feature was accepted by the city in bad condition, and the Worthington people have never been made to fix it. Further details of this can be secured from Mr. Sweeny."

Answer: Overlooking certain misstatements as to the capacities of the pressure pumps and the acknowledgement by Mr. Catlett of his inability to criticise in the matter of "pumping and steaming," his assertion that "the largest pump was bought with an arrangement that should economize in the use of steam; this feature was accepted by the city in bad condition, and that the Worthington people have never been made to fix it," is a statement which if true, reflects either upon the technical ability or honesty of the designing and constructing engineers, and deserves attention here.

This high-duty engine was furnished by Henry R. Worthington, the oldest and one of the most reliable manufacturers of high-class waterworks pumps, under guarantee which, without entering into technical details, required the delivery of four million gallons of water against certain pressures with stipulated steam economy.

While the engine was installed in the Spring of the year, 1911, it was some time before the company was ready to ask for an official test, and it is a fact that the builders kept one of their most experienced mechanical engineers at Wilmington for several months adjusting and trying out before asking that the engine be received.

Several parts had to be re-built and I am frank to say that at one time the writer had serious doubt whether the high duty guaranteed by the company would ever be performed as may be judged from a letter addressed to his associate, Mr. Anderson, dated June 23rd, 1911, and in part as follows:

"The engine has never come up to its guarantee and I am in doubt as to whether it ever will, and I think perhaps that 130,000,000 duty will be as much as this engine will show. We will have to make some compromise based on efficiency if they cannot reach 'the high-water mark'."

Nevertheless, the company persevered in its endeavors to bring this engine to its contract guarantee, knowing that it would not be accepted otherwise, and after a most unusual expense, on August 11th, 1911, the official test was finally run; Mr. M. C. Butler, M. E., representing the Worthington people, and the writer the city of Wilmington.

Tests were made on two days, following which a report was made to Hon. W. E. Perdew, then Water and Sewer Commissioner, its conclusion being as follows:

"The total displacement in 7 hours was 170,660 cu. ft., or a discharge at the rate of 4,396,698 gallons, or an excess over guarantee equal to some 6.8 per cent. The total head including friction and suction, as shown by mercury column and tested gauge, was 182.2 feet, equal to 78 pounds pressure per sq. in.

"The energy used for the observed period was ascertained by measuring the condensed steam from the condenser, receiver and jackets was 145,500 pounds, which corrected by 552 pounds excess moisture, gave as the net weights or equivalent for dry steam 139,971 pounds.

"Ignoring the friction on the suction and taking the total head including suction and friction on the discharge at 180 feet, the duty—1061505 x180x1000-139,971 equals 136,507,500, a gain over the guarantee of 507,500 in foot pounds duty.

"We find the mechanism up to requirements with exception that the air piston of the accumulator is defective and should be replaced. This is a small matter and hardly of such importance as to demand a further reservation, and we therefore certify to the completion of this contract according to its terms."

We have the indicator cards and duty test records to substantiate.

From the correspondence, as will be noted, the pump was being operated and tested almost daily for over two months prior to this test being run and no report was ever made by the operating engineer before that time or since, as far as the writer is aware, that the mechanism was not operating successfully and securing for the plant the economy stipulated and guaranteed. Mr. Catlett's letter to the Morning Star being the writer's first intimation that any trouble had been experienced in operating the high duty attachment.

It is less troublesome and simpler to handle this engine without this economizer by simply disconnecting and if it is now done, it is the writer's belief that this fact should not be attributed to faulty design or even to present conditions. It is certain that when accepted by the city after thorough test by the writer, the engine was not so operating, and exceeded its guarantee both in the quantity of water pumped and in steam economy.

"(3) Criticism: "The total consumption has gone to over two million gallons per 24 hours and at times during the day the rate greatly exceeds this. This excess is now taken care of by drawing from the reserve supply in the reservoir, which has serious objections."

Answer: We note from the report that the consumption at Wilmington averages a little over two million gallons per day. Between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M., there is always a large increase in consumption above the average for the day. This very often reaches as much as 1.4 times the average. We would therefore assume that during the middle of the day that there was a demand on the pumping plant of about the rate of three million gallons per day. The present capacity of the filter plant operated at its normal rating would be four million gallons per day. It is in fact delivering much less than three million gallons per day. If this was not so it would not be necessary to draw water from the storage reservoir on the hill above the plant during the time of maximum load as is stated to be the custom at the present time. The filter beds should be able to filter as much water as is needed during any part of the day at the present time and for some time to come.

(4) Criticism:

Measurement of Water.

"In order to know what a plant is doing, to regulate the amount of chemicals and other things, it is very essential that an accurate knowledge be obtained of the amount of water pumped; otherwise you can never know what you are doing. To provide for this a large Venturi meter was put in under Hazlehurst & Anderson at considerable cost to the city. Through error in design this has never worked, and has laid idle since the plant was built. The only method that can now be employed for measuring the water is from the pump strokes with a guess at slippage, and the water pumped twice in going into the reservoir and going out; the pumps on the centrifugals, for obvious reasons cannot be estimated in this way."

Answer: Referring to the Venturi meter and method of measuring the flow of water, the original plan included three meters, two of which were to be placed on the raw water discharge lines and one on the wash water pipe line. Bids were asked on two 10-inch and one 6-inch meter, together with the necessary meter registers, to be operated preferably by clockwork. The price bid for the meters was to include the cost of placing the recording apparatus anywhere in the building within 70 feet of the delivery piping. Subsequently the 6-inch meter was omitted and one register was specified for both 12-inch raw water mains. One of the raw water pipes lead to the old; the other to the new basin, the former being considerably above the latter in location. The omission of the wash water meter and register was for the purpose of curtailing expenditures and was ordered by the Sewer and Water Board.

Upon test, it was found that when operating upon the higher elevation and about half capacity, the normal domestic capacity at the time, the Venturi meter recorded properly but failed to do so on the lower basin.

The specifications for this meter was very general, requiring construction under accepted formula and under prescribed conditions of material and workmanship. The price bid was $525. This meter and its register, upon test, was found deficient and payment for same was disapproved by the writer, and was the subject of a long drawn-out controversy with the contractors and correspondence with the Sewer and Water Commissioner and the then superintendent. In final settlement, a deduction of $500 was made from the contractors to make good this deficiency.

In this connection, under date of September 15th, 1913, a letter to Mr. R. C. Cantwell, superintendent Water Department, Wilmington, is in part as follows:

"My understanding of the proposition made by the Simplex Meter Company (supplying original contractors) as per recent correspondence is as follows:

"They will furnish one new meter register, type G and two new 10x5 3-4-inch meter tubes, with capacity of 3,000,000 gallons per 24 hours, all f.o.b. Philadelphia, for the sum of $500; provided we return the old register and the two Venturi tubes. In the event we accept their proposition, they are to send a competent man to erect the meter register, adjust and instruct our man, charging only the usual traveling and living expense.

"From the above, it will be seen that the cost of either of these installations is practically covered by the allowance made by the Dansforth Company for this account."

Mr. Cantwell wrote advising that "they were not ready to decide on the matter," and to this day nothing further has been done, and while it is true that the meter has laid idle, it hardly seems fair to place the responsibility upon us, nor to make the statement that this meter was installed at considerable cost to the city when, as a matter of fact, full deduction and allowance was made in the final settlement.

Filter Design.

(5) Criticism:

"The addition to the filter was an attempt at doubling by duplicating the basins and filters of Hazen & Whipple. Four filters of the same capacity were put in, but of a different make—that of the American Water Softener Co. The old filters had given excellent results and the only reason for changing companies was a little lower price."

Again quoting, Mr. Allen Hazen, of Hazen & Whipple, August 25th, 1911:

"I never knew anything about the kind of plant until it was all in and when I went down in regard to the value of the plant (Clarendon) and its proposed purchase by the city, the filters certainly fell very far short of what might have been reached by a better direction of expenditures, although there is no reason to doubt that with good, intelligent management they improve the quality of the water very greatly."

Without attempting any elaborate defense of the new design, we found that the old design required lifting all water pumped into the settling basin 11.3-4 feet higher than the water line in the new basin, all of which has been shown under present practice to be unnecessary and an economic loss increasing with the increasing demand for water. If this basin was operated continuously at a two million gallon rate, the cost of lifting the water treated this extra 12 feet would amount each year to enough to pay 5 per cent interest on the entire cost of the newer basin built on the lower level. We should be very glad to have Mr. Catlett point out any modern filter installations, constructed under the direction of the engineers he mentions in his report, which have the coagulating basins raised above the filters in the manner he advises should have been done at Wilmington, and where they are operated in the manner that the old plant at Wilmington has to be operated. We appreciate that Mr. Catlett's training has not been such that he could pass on either the engineering or economic points involved and we therefore regret that he should offer official advice on a subject on which he is incompetent to pass. If Mr. Catlett will advise himself, or allow himself to be advised on the above points, he will be able to appreciate why the original and later installations at Wilmington were divorced from each other, why no provision was made for extending the old plant and why there is provided within the present building space for extending the newer plant by the addition of more than the present number of units or so that the filtering capacity of the newer plant would be more than twice what it is today, also the provision for extending the newer coagulating basin to correspond. As a large part of the piping and concrete work necessary for such additional filters is already in place, such additions could be made at a very economical cost.

(6) Criticism: "As the centrifugal pumps draw the water from the river to the basins we apply our solutions of the chemicals. For this we have four concrete tanks, two for alum and two for alkali. While one set is being used, the other set is being refilled. From these tanks the chemical solutions are fed to the water by a controlling device which accurately regulates the amount delivered. The original controlling device put in by Hazlehurst & Anderson did not give results and it was replaced about a year ago by the present one which is more efficient."

Answer: When first installed, the operating engineer—without consulting anyone—drilled an extra orifice in the feed tubes. When this was discovered, new tubes were ordered and he was instructed how to make up the solution of proper strengths. The chemist had just taken charge and was present at the time. Mr. Garrett, representing the American Water Softener Company, later happened to be at the plant and found that new feed boxes had been ordered. On examination he found one float valve was broken and that feed was being operated by a hand valve, attendants were too shiftless to put on a new float valve. Mr. Garrett operated the feeds and showed those in charge that if properly adjusted the orifice box worked perfectly.

Recording Devices.

(7) Criticism: "The American Water Softener Company also designed and furnished a device for recording the amount of chemicals delivered each minute during the run. This has not been installed, and has some imperfections in the design. If it could be fixed to work, it would be a very great aid as there would be furnished in ink a complete record of the work of the filters attendants."

Answer: These guages were ordered as an extra some time after the filter plant had been completed and placed in operation. The city's money has been invested in them for a year or more. That they are still unused is probably due to the fact that those in charge of the water department lack interest or the little intelligence required for setting them. The guages are of the best make and design and are such as are very generally used in filter plants for accurately recording the depth of chemical solutions. If these guages were properly erected and given the little attention they require, they would faithfully perform the service for which they were designed and intended, the same as any number of like instruments are doing elsewhere.

Defective Fire Bell.

(8) Criticism: "Another thing lacking in the engine room is a fire bell; there is one installed, but it does not work and has not worked in the last two years."

What employe of the Water Department is guilty of the gross negligence here indicated when the dusting away of cobwebs or some trifling adjustment would restore this bell to its former utility? Is this an example of the efficiency, fitness or interest taken by the employes in charge of so important a department or the municipal government? The trouble with the bell must have been very trifling since it was evidently remedied before Mr. Catlett was able to complete his article.

Strainers.

(9) Criticism: "Our experience with these filters has been very unsatisfactory. The strainers, though cheaper than the Pittsburg, are very inferior and we have had to discard them and replace with the Pittsburg."

Answer: Just prior to the time of awarding contract for the new filters, the old filters had not been satisfactory as it had been necessary to remove the sand and gravel from them two or three times each year, in order to clean out the Pittsburg strainers and air distributing pipes. Another reason for installing filter equipment of a different make was because of the fact that the air distributing system proposed for the new filters was of decidedly better design than that in the old Pittsburg filters.

The city has been put to needless expense in purchasing new strainers or sand valves. The strainers made by the American Water Softener Company are the best on the market; have been in use for more than ten years and have been sold extensively for overhauling filters of practically every make, including Pittsburg filters. A similar strainer is also used by another filter manufacturer. There is no novelty or particular merit in a Pittsburg strainer—it is nothing more than a modification of an old design formerly used in Federal filter, one of the poorest filters ever placed on the market. An unbiased judge, or anyone who has experience with filter construction, would undoubtedly select a strainer similar to that used in the new filters in preference to the Pittsburg device. The American Water Softener Company would not hesitate, under any conditions that might be imposed, to equip a filter with its strainer and operate it in competition with a filter equipped with the Pittsburg strainer.

Filter Sand.

(10) Criticism: "The sand, though cheaper, was not at all suited and there was not enough of it. We are now filling them to required depth with suitable sand; this gives improved results. The hydraulic regulating device is constantly giving trouble. However, new strainers have been put in all but one filter, and with the new sand our filter units themselves will be very satisfactory."

Answer: The sand originally used was of the best quality obtainable, and that it was well suited to the work it was to perform was demonstrated by the successful operation of the filters immediately after being placed into use. The filters were filled with sand to a proper and sufficient depth, but Mr. Catlett evidently failed to realize that, if the filters were improperly washed, the sand could be carried away with the wash water and the thickness of the bed consequently reduced and at the same time the finer grains of sand could be carried away in the washing process and the original effective size and uniformity co-efficient of the sand bed materially altered. Mr. Catlett states that a new supply of sand of satisfactory quality is being shipped from Norfolk, Va. If this new sand is being supplied by the Waterworks Supply Corporation, of Norfolk, Va., the city is purchasing a sand which Mr. Catlett has already condemned in his article, as the sand originally placed within the new filters by the American Water Softener Company was furnished by the Waterworks Supply Corporation.

Recent City Specifications for Sand.

Mr. Catlett notes that the filters are now being equipped with suitable (?) sand. We have also quoted from the specifications issued by the city for the purchase of this sand. The circular submitted to the manufacturers of filter sand and containing the specifications regarding size that we have quoted was headed as follows:

"The sand used in any filters used by the city of Wilmington to supply the public water supply must comply in every detail as to quantity and quality with the requirements herein after designated."

"The Board of Health will condemn any and all filters that do not meet these requirements and the water therefrom."

These specifications were also issued in the name of the joint county and city board of health.

We assume that the Board of Health was acting in good faith when they adopted these specifications, and we therefore call their attention at once to the fact that the city of Wilmington is at present purchasing filter sand which does not conform to the requirements of the specifications issued.

We do not know if the specifications recently issued by the city of Wilmington were prepared by the city chemist or not and we are not quoting them as a criticism of his department but more to substantiate what Mr. Catlett has intimated in his report, that the city of Wilmington is badly in need of engineering advice at the present time.

The most pronounced difference in the above specifications and those prepared by such "water experts" as are lauded in Mr. Catlett's report is that the sand grains to agree with the city's specifications would be on the whole twice as large as those in filters meeting the requirements of the standard specifications of the engineers quoted.

We know of no municipal filter plants of modern and careful construction which use filter sand of as coarse grain as the city's specifications would demand. We have known of cases in industrial plants where clarification was the only object of the use of sands with effective sizes of from 0.60 to 0.70 millimeter. Very coarse sand has also been used in Warren filters operating on the free flow plan, with a difference of only one to three feet in the elevations of the water on the filters and the water surface in the filtered water receiving tank. There is a decided disadvantage in the use of a sand with such a large effective size as well as an ever present danger. Mr. Catlett has called attention to the two types of filters and describes very ably the use of chemicals with the "rapid sand filters," or "mechanical filters." He has shown how the gelatinous aluminum hydrate collects in the upper layers of the sand bed of the filters and forms the real filtering medium. He also calls attention to the fact that the bacterial efficiency of a plant, not considering the sterilizing agents used, depends largely upon this hydrate collected at the top of the bed. It is a fact that if the sand be as coarse as that answering the city's specifications there is the greatest danger of the filter beds "breaking", that is—when the loss of head or friction through the filter beds increases on account of this clogging of the upper layers of the sand this filtering medium becomes ruptured and channels are formed leading downward through the sand bed. Through these channels the water passed instead of equally throughout the bed and the bacterial efficiency immediately falls. The chlorine treatment, as used at Wilmington, is a safeguard for all such inefficient operation but not an excuse for them. Unfortunately, as has been found at Wilmington, the proportioning apparatus handling the chlorine if properly adjusted for the normal filtrate from the filters, will not readily handle these sudden and large fluctuations in the quality of the filtered water. It is also impossible to make the apparatus handling the chlorine entirely fool-proof and there is always danger of it not performing the functions for which it is intended. Mr. Catlett notes in his report that it has been the custom to allow the chemical supply for the plant to run out. With these dangers being ever present and with the sand beds of the filters as coarse as the management of the Water Department is now making them, we could give no better advice to the citizens of Wilmington than to boil all water used for drinking purposes.

Unusual Requirements Under City Specifications.

We made the statement above that the city of Wilmington was at present purchasing sand which does not conform to the requirements of the specifications issued by the city of Wilmington and from which we have quoted. We stated that the Water Works Supply Corporation refused to furnish such sand. This company advised the city that it had never furnished such a sand, that it did not believe that any sand manufacturer in the country was equipped for furnishing such a product, and that they did not consider it at all suitable. They advised against the use of such a sand. We are informed on good authority that Mr. Catlett visited the labaratory of this company and when he was satisfied that the company could not furnish the sand specified, placed the order for sand which in our opinoin is so far inferior even to that which was specified that we cannot understand how the use of such a sand in a plant like that at Wilmington would be considered.

Rate of Filtration.

Possibly one reason for filling the filters with new sand of such unusual size is to try to increase their filtering capacity. Such a change will increase the amount of water passing the filters between washings, but at the expense of the bacterial efficiency of the filters. It is a very simple matter for one acquainted with filter plant operation to determine the actual rate at which the filter units are each filtering at any time and when the loss of head is at any desired point. Evidently Mr. Catlett has not done this, as he does not make a note of it. From what we can gain, however, from the exhaustive report as published, the filters are not delivering their nominal capacity because they are being held in check by the effluent controllers.

It is always as well to have a group of filters filter at as low a rate as will furnish the required amount of water at all time when needed, but if there is demand for as much water as equals their normal rating there is no reason why an effort should not be made to try to have them produce this amount. The old and new plants have different forms of controllers, and each are adjustable within a certain margin each side of a certain

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normal. It is a very simple matter, however, to make a change in the internal arrangements of the controllers which will adjust the amounts that they will allow the filters to deliver within quite wide limits. If it is found that the controllers were not working properly for the present demand upon the plant, the companies furnishing this apparatus should be given notice and allowed to make the necessary changes. Knowing the two filter companies represented in the Wilmington plant as we do, we are sure that such notice would at once bring about the desired result. Unfortunately this has not been the procedure in connection with the Wilmington plant in the past. If through fault in design, ignorance or mismanagement in the operation of any of the parts have led to unsatisfactory results, those in charge have simply put the city to the expense of purchasing other equipment without even referring the matter to the makers of the special part of the equipment in question. Such action is not just to the manufacturers; in most cases an unnecessary expense to the city, and an action which—although possibly made in all honesty—should always be subject to investigation. This simple procedure might satisfactorily adjust much of the present difficulties.

Regulator on Coagulating Basin.

(11) Chiticism: "To care for coagulating basin needs, the city simply installed another basin of the same design and capacity as the old one but considerably farther down the hill; the bafling arrangements were not as good. The level of this basin is so adjusted that the water goes into a flume and furnishes water to the new filters at the proper level without the use of a regulator; the small expense of a regulator and a small amount of masonry work on one side would have made the basin larger and more efficient.

Answer: As noted before, the use of a regulator is only made necessary in the old plant on account of the improper location and elevation of the old coagulating basin. It is very undesirable and such an arrangement is practically never used in the modern filter plant.

(11) Criticism continued: "This basin works as designed on the new filters. It was also connected up (on what basis it was calculated is hard to see) so that water would flow from the flume around through the pipe to the old filters and supply them; these filters were supplied formerly under considerable head from the old basin, so that the pipe was small and telescoped down to six inches on the last filter. The consequence is that water cannot be made to flow through the flume around to supply the old filters The same causes prevent the old basin supplying water to the new filters; the water under the heavier head backs over the flume and into the lower basin, where there is no valve to stop it.

Answer: Mr. Catlett is mistaken. It was never intended that the water from the new basin should be used with the old filters. The design of the old plant was wrong to begin with, and the mistake should not be perpetuated. There is a small bypass provided so that the new filters could be fed from the old basin in case this was desired as the consumption increased, and arrangement was provided so that this could be done at very small expense when desired. This provision also eliminates the trouble mentioned in the report of the water from the old basin backing over into the new one.

Period of Sedimentation.

(12) Criticism: "The result of all this is that, although an additional basin has been provided, we have no more basin capacity to pump two million gallons than we had for one million; the water, therefore, stays in contact with the decolorizing agent half the time that it used to. We are now approaching two million and a quarter, with constant rapid increase, and the more water pumped the less the time it has to be exposed to the basin action. As a remedy, I proposed over a year ago that the basins be connected in tandem. If it had been done then, the water would have been allowed to remain in the basins longer than we have ever had it, and trouble during the past year would have been largely eliminated. This is being done now, and when it is completed we can feed water to the new filters that has had the action of both basins. This will be approximately double the time it is given now, and about the same in Whipple & Hazen's original plant."

Answer: Referring to the time allowance for sedimentation Mr. Catlett once more erroneously refers to the quotation "Hazen & Whipple" original plant. Again correcting, while Mr. Catlett is clearly entitled to express his opinion as to the time required for this process, Mr. Leopold, the actual designer and builder of the old plant, and representing the Pittsburg Filter Mfg. Company, stated to us at the time the extensions were being made, that he considered the old basin able to satisfactorily handle from three to four million gallons of water a day, and the design adopted corresponds to the best current practice in this respect. The only way to decide the matter is by experiments, operating the filters scientifically.

Color—Character of the Water.

(13) Criticism: "In regard to color, it may be said that the plant never was equipped with basin capacity to remove the color, and when we consider that we are now putting over twice as much water through the same basin space as formerly, it can readily be seen how much trouble from this source is to be expected. The color varies as the color of the raw water does, and this variation is very marked. Sometimes the water is obtained almost white; again it becomes very bad. On on average the color has not been what the public demands and, of course, grows worse. There is another factor causing color in water as delivered to the tops. This is suspended iron salts due to metal from pipes. All systems have more or less of this trouble and the remedy is systematic flushing, intelligently done. The present system is not satisfactory.

"The water is not so good a boiler water as the raw water is, but better than other waters here, and better than that of lots of cities, for example, Charleston. The softer a water and the higher the vegetable extract, the more conditions are conductive to corrosion of pipes and plumbing; our water is very soft and high in extract.

"The removal of coloring matter would improve this last trouble and I think with a little experimentation at small cost both these troubles can be alleviated."

Answer: There are several causes and reasons why at times the water is not entirely freed from the vegetable stain, but the fact that the water comes clear after boiling seems conclusive that uncombined alum was coming through the sand, the inference being that the plant was not being properly operated.

In his report to the city of Wilmington, Mr. Hazen, of Hazen & Whipple, so persistently referred to as the highest of authority in water purification work, recommended a change in the method of applying this alum and, in a personal letter to the writer, December 2nd, 1911, suggested that a change in the method of applying the alum be made. "The present arrangement is not wholly satisfactory and it seemed to our chemist that it was a place where the dry feed apparatus would work well. This is not familiar, as it has been developed in our office, and before taking this up with Mr. Cantwell I wanted to write to you to see if you had any objections to our doing so."

To this the writer replied, freely agreeing to this and asking for an advance copy of the report and a description of the dry-feed chemical apparatus mention, which were courteously sent later.

In Mr. Catlett's report it seems that he had been unwilling to recommend adoption of this apparatus, but had been experimenting upon his own account.

Bacterial Efficiency.

Upon the bacterial efficiency of the filter plant depends the sanitary character of the water. This has been made quite clear in Mr. Catlett's really able report upon the subject with which he is necessarily most familiar, namely the chemical and sanitary side of this discussion.

After all, the inconvenience of "color" and even the relative efficiency of the mechanical units of the plant sink into insignificance where the health of the people is at stake, as is the case where pathegenic bacteria exist and propagate.

It is gratifying therefore, to be able to quote Mr. Catlett's expression as follows; and referring to the operation of the filters during two years of service immediately following their completion and acceptance:

"Results of Tests on the Water.—In the Fall of 1911, Whipple & Hazen made a series of daily tests at the plant and reported the supply furnished as very satisfactory. They suggested in their report, however, some of the changes in the plant outlined before in this paper. Shortly after the writer began daily tests on the water for the city Water Department. Since that time and up to June 1st, 1913, the water practically never showed the presence of intestinal bacteria in 10 cubic centimeters. Each month the State laboratory made tests on a sample of water sent them; each month this coincided with results made at the plant. Although as mentioned before results on the samples sent to Raleigh has not the value of those made on the spot, they are useful as corroborative evidence. Taken as a whole, the coincidence in results of Whipple, the State laboratory and local laboratory furnish conclusions that can hardly be disputed by those competent to have an opinion."

Advisability of Providing New Source of Supply.

From a recent "Morning Star" local, it seems that Prof. E. B. Phelps, of the Hygienic Laboratory of the government has, by request, recently spent considerable time investigating local conditions referring to the source of water supply, and in this connection it is forecasted that the report to the City Council will be favorable to going to the Cape Fear river, at a point just above Navassa, utilizing the present station for filtration and power.

In the past, the Clarendon Water Company made exhaustive investigations and spent large sums to develop an artesian source, finally abandoning the deepest well at 1,332 feet. As a knowledge of geology and of the Atlantic coastal plain indicated, these wells were salt. As pointed out by Mr. Catlett, the city of Charleston attempted a deep well supply only to meet disastrous failure, resorting finally to the use of a "colored" or stained water, similar to that now used at Wilmington. These lessons point unmistakably to the impossibility of securing an adequate and acceptable artesian or deep well source for the city's use.

The River Supply.

"Our other only source is the Cape Fear river. The question of quantity here needs no comment. This river forks at Point Peter, forming the Northwest and Northeast branches. The Northwest branch brings down a fairly little colored water, but one very turbid with suspended clay particles; this turbidity is easily removed and the water presents little difficulty in rendering pleasant to the sight. The Northeast branch, with Smith's creek which flows into it, brings down a water very unsightly from vegetable stain; this stain is very difficult and expensive to remove. All of these streams would be more or less subject to pollution, but the city's sewerage is dumped into it from a point just above the fork, down. With a river of the size and flow that is found in the Cape Fear, even at Market street, this is a very dilute pollution compared to that used by numbers of cities, but it is best to get as little of it as possible. The idea, therefore, is to select a point with a minimum color and a minimum amount of pollution. It would be very expensive to go over to the Northwest branch; the farther up the Northeast, the more the color, with almost as much danger from sewer pollution; and if we go further down, we get right under the sewerage outlets with more bacterial problems. There are more questions involved but this will outline a fair outline of why the intake is where it is. The experts employed, Hazen & Whipple, Fuller & Herring, and others, made a thorough study of the matter and all agree upon the present location. Now, having established the location, let us see just what we have to deal with."

Heretofore, reports as to the present source of supply have been made by such eminent sanitary experts as Herring & Fuller, and Hazen & Whipple, acknowledged leaders of the engineering profession. Dr. Herring, in particular, assumed that even should Wilmington grow to a population of 100,000 inhabitants, the sewerage could be disposed of by dillution without fear of consequences and in several letters to the writer by Prof. Whipple and Mr. Hazen they both assert the same thing and further affirm that, if necessary, for the protection of Wilmington in the matter of a pure water supply is to properly operate the present filtration plant. While not for a moment questioning the ability of Prof. Phelps, he can hardly be ranked in the same class with the eminent engineers mentioned and even if his opinion is as forecasted, it should hardly carry weight against the majority of those who have already passed upon this issue. It is, however, believed that should such a recommendation be made, it will be based largely upon sentiment rather than practical considerations.

Admissions of Incompetency.

In concluding his article, Mr. Catlett frankly admits that neither the chief engineer, the superintendent, nor himself has such knowledge of the subject and sufficient time to keep in touch with all phases of the water situation, and expressed same in the following terms:

"What is really needed is a man with sufficient knowledge of the subject and sufficient time to keep in touch with all phases of the water situation. He should be responsible for the methods used for purification and for results obtained and should be able to keep the Council informed of needs and conditions that require action."

On this we agree.

Further, this paragraph might have both begun and ended Mr. Catlett's communication to the Health Board, but the writer has treated all criticisms seriously and has patiently and painstakingly attempted to answer them to the best of his ability notwithstanding these admissions. Realizing, however, that such a discussion might be indefinitely prolonged without any nearer approach to reconciling opinions and differences, as far as the writer is concerned, he has neither the time nor inclination to pursue the matter further and rests his case here.

Typhoid Recurrence and Water Supply.

As a final word, perhaps a brief retrospect and certain conclusions as to the recurrence of typhoid fever in Wilmington since the water supply has been under suspicion, may not be out of order. Once more quoting Mr. Catlett:

"The typhoid in the city has been blamed on the municipal water supply. This is largely influenced by the idea, and a well founded one before modern purification methods were perfected, that typhoid epidemics were almost invariably caused by water supplies. Local opinion on this is not based on anything at all, but just ideas given as opinion. As a matter of fact, all data collected that is worthy of attention entirely absolves the water supply from blame and all goes to implicate "residual causes"—cisterns, wells, soil pollution, fly infection and general unsanitary conditions."

This represents opinions by nearly all qualified observers of the sanitary situation at Wilmington since the new water system was completed.

By way of comparison and as an illuminating example, let us take the well authenticated case of Jacksonville, Fla., during the year 1910, when in July and August a local epidemic of typhoid occurred. Conditions were much the same in these two cities—both were South Atlantic coastal cities, with large territories having outgrown a limited sewer system. They were dissimilar in the important respect that the water supply of Jacksonville, issuing from flowing wells of a thousand feet in depth, was practically sterile, as shown by an average bacterial count of 23 cubic centimeter, while the Wilmington water supply was considered at least doubtful.

Through causes unnecessary to state, the Jacksonville milk supply was not under suspicion. Since January, 1910, according to Dr. C. E. Terry, a case record has been kept of all the local conditions surrounding each case, such as milk and water supply, location as to privy or sewer districts, recent contact with known cases, eating places, screening, etc.

The health officer further asserts that with the elimination of water and milk, ordinarily main factors in the distribution of typhoid fever, some other common condition must be sought to account for the undue prevalence of the disease in the Summer of 1910. During that year systematic record of such cases was made, 329 being reported, with 62 deaths. Typhoid began to increase in April, reached its height the last week in July, declined rapidly so that by December few cases remained. Until the middle of July 75 per cent of the cases were in the privy districts; only 25 per cent in the sewered section. The fly season began in March, reaching its height early in July, and within two months very few flies were observed.

According to Dr. Terry, conditions existing in the privy district were such as to further in every way fly-transmission of intestinal diseases. There were about 8,500 dry closets in the city, accommodating 40 per cent of the population, and evenly distributed. These privies were such as are commonly seen in the rural districts, without pretense of protection against flies, even by back-boards few had seat covers, all had wide cracks and unscreened windows, some were lacking doors.

"A large proportion of these privies existed in thickly settled districts where only a few feet separated the cottages, and where small yards required the placing of the privy close to the kitchen windows. In many instances where a number of houses were owned by the same landlord, to economize space and money, one community privy would be found within 25 or 30 feet of from three to six kitchens. Screens are not furnished to this class of tenants. Each privy was a reeking mass of filth, swarming with flies which abanodend it only when the odor of cooking attracted them through the nearby windows. Surely here were present the three essentials to fly-carriages of intestinal diseases, exposed human excrement, unprotected food supplies and an abundance of flies. Ignorance and disregard for decency could scarcely have devised more ideal conditions for the dissemination of intestinal infections."

From carefully made observations on the prevalence of flies during the season about the public dumps and stables, it was noted that the distribution and increase of typhoid cases occurred after the onset of the fly season, the increase of both flies and fever patients following closely parallel curves.

From this "It is the belief of this department that the prevalence of the disease was due to a large extent, to the combination of open privies and flies and other insect carriers." Acting on this belief, in August, 1910, ordinances were passed requiring fly-proof privies. The result is shown in startling and graphic form below:

The conclusion is irresistible and is expressed by Dr. Terry, health officer of Jacksonville, as follows:

"What is true of Jacksonville, is, I believe, true of many of our Southern towns and cities where the sewerage systems are inadequate to the requirements and where the old type of privy is in common use, and in such communities I am convinced that the screening of these places will bear fruit in reducing typhoid mortality as it has in Richmond, Asheville and this city. The old type of privy is an abomination and even the best is but a poor substitute for the sewer, but in the South, where lack of public funds, the poverty of large numbers of our people, and, as everywhere, politics retards sewerage extension, and where climatic conditions prolong the fly season, the rendering fly-proof of these places is a necessity if we would secure even reasonable immunity from the infections they entail."

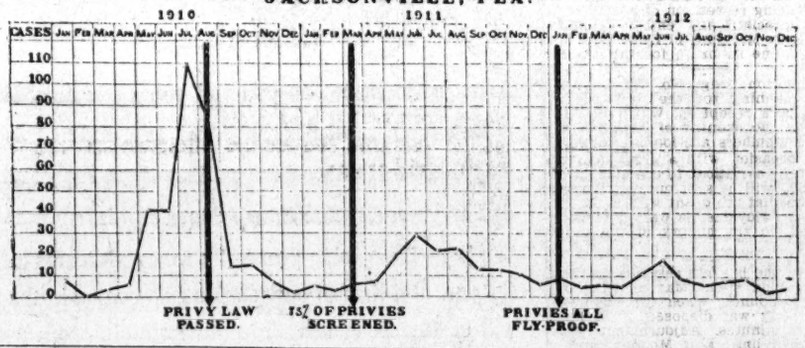
And now having covered this subject as well as I am able, I beg to thank you for your kind expressions of confidence and with the compliments of the season, I beg to remain,

Respectfully,

JAMES NISBET HAZLEHURST,
Member Amr. Society of Civil Engrs.
Member Amr. Public Health Assn.

TYPHOID INCIDENCE AND THE SCREENING OF DRY CLOSETS.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.



DR. JOSEPH A. HOLMES

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of geology in the University of North Carolina and during that period he examined many mines in a professional way. During ten succeeding years he was State geologist of North Carolina, and as such gave much attention to an investigation of quarrying metal mining and metallurgical operations.

In 1903 and 1904 he organized and had charge of the department of mines and metallurgy at the St. Louis World's Fair, and immediately thereafter he entered the government service.

His creed is summed up in four words. The prevention of waste.

"All unscientific or inefficient use of resources is waste," he declares, "and the most important element in the movement for conservation is the fact that the necessary waste of today may, through inquiry or research, or through changes in economic conditions ,become the avoidable waste of tomorrow."

NOVEL POLICE SIGNAL

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living which is the most serious sort of menace to any nation, and particularly to any republic. The only ultimate result is the case of the cat when she reaches the whirling speed is to have a fit. Let us stop before the fit overtakes us.

"From other institutions of higher learning and from public schools, statesmen and men of prominence, the purpose of the American Society for Thrift has been commended as very necessary, because of the prodigal spirit which you maintain does not exist. We respectfully submit that New York University, for the benefit of the American people, might well reconsider its dictum and give more serious thought to the present day disregard of old-fashioned thrift."

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TRIBUTE TO MR. SCHLOSS.

Editor of The Morning Star:

Dear Sir: Kindly allow me space in your valued paper to make a few remarks on the passing of one of our esteemed citizens in the person of Mr. S. A. Schloss.

The public in general and the many patrons of the Academy of Music, besides a host of personal friends, among whom through his kind and thoughtful personality I feel that I am numbered, were sadly shocked to learn of his passing last Monday night.

Though an invalid for the past year the community was shocked to learn of his sudden passing away.

During all of his sickness he was kind and patient, never complaining, bearing his affliction with that heroic fortitude becoming such a personality as was his.

For the past 15 years, being almost constantly in his employ, attending to his many building enterprises, I found in him a friend and adviser, a man of sound business judgment, and always kind and thoughtful for those about him.

This, coupled with his deep insight into human nature, made him one of the foremost theatrical managers of the South.

His kindness was one of his many strong points and pervaded his home so much so that not a servant was ever too tired or too weary to make haste to serve him at the slightest intimation. Though regularly employed as servants in his household, his manner of addressing them was such that they felt it a special privilege to serve him.

In the passing of Mr. Schloss the community has lost one of its public-spirited citizens, a staunch business man, and many an individual a strong personal friend.

I hope these few remarks will be accepted in the spirit in which they are given—coming from one of such an humble station—for in such crisis the learned find words inadquate.

From one who loved him well.

HAROLD HENRY HARRIS.

YOUNG MEN GO TO THE ROADS

For Attempted Assault of Lumberton Girls—Best Christmas Ever. Other Robeson Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 27.—In the recorder's court yesterday, the two charged with attempted assault on young men, Austin DeCoach and Roy Hayes, arrested Wednesday night Misses Lillie and Bertha Barker last Saturday night, were given road sentences, one six months and the other 12. The charge was changed so as to give the recorder jurisdiction. There is no denying the fact that mean whiskey caused these young men to be in their present trouble, which should be a lesson to them and a warning to others.

Good Christmas at Lumberton.

Christmas passed off quietly here, being different in many respects from any seen here in a long time, if ever before. The amount of liquor received seems to increase in quantity each Christmas, and the one just passed was no exception, but, strange to say, not a sign of disturbance of any kind was reported and only two unfortunates, both colored, were arrested on the charge of being drunk. The weather was anything but pleasant, the day going out with a regular summer thunder storm, but many paid no attention to the weather. Everybody seemed to be happy and wish the same for everybody else. We never heard of so many presents being exchanged. Many bright faces showed that they had been made happy by giving as well as by receiving. All the Sunday schools had Christmas trees or exercises of some kind, to gladden the hearts of the little ones. The different cotton mills spent hundreds of dollars in presents for their employes. (We do not believe that four cotton mills can be found anywhere that can boast of a better class of people than the four mills at Lumberton.)

For several days before and during Christmas Day, countless parcel post packages were handled, while the express business broke all records. While railroad travel has been good, the railroad people say it was not near as good as last year. However, when the receipts are added up, the business may be found to have been better than it looks, as six trains now handle on the Seaboard the passengers handled by four trains a year ago. Taken as a whole, we believe that Christmas of 1913, was the best our people have ever seen.

To Prevent Cruelty to Animals.

An effort is being made here to organize a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, which, if successful, would be one of the best things that could happen. Two-legged brutes should be taught that the four-legged ones are entitled to some degree of humane treatment.

"Aunt" Mary Jane Crawford, one of the old-time colored women of this section, died Wednesday. The old slaves are getting few and far between.

Residence Historic.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod, which has just been moved from near the middle of the block just north of the court house to the corner of the same block, is now one of the very best buildings in Lumberton, though it was erected more than 50 years ago. Mr. Robert Deese says he hewed the frame for the building in the latter '50s, and that the late Mr. G. P. Higley had the contract for constructing the building, it being one of the last jobs he completed before enlisting in the Confederate army. The house was erected for Mr. John Fuller, at that time a practicing attorney in Lumberton. Later Mr. Fuller sold his home and moved to Texas. Mr. Deese does not remember who bought the place from Mr. Fuller, but it was subsequently owned by the late Maj. John T. Pope, and from his family it passed into the hands of the present owner.

One on Capt. Russel.

At the Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas tree Thursday night, some member of the school "put one over" on Capt. J. P. Russell, the popular superintendent of the school. He was presented with a small-sized talking machine, which was manufactured by a young man who also belongs to the school and is a great admirer of Capt. Russell. We have known Capt. Russell more than 20 years, and that is the first time we ever knew him to be accused of talking too much. Suppose he does forget himself sometimes and talk over into preaching time before he realizes it. When he is through talking something has been said, which is not always the case when some people get to talking. Capt. Russell is the right man in the right place and his Sunday school is justly proud of him.

No Hotel in Sight.

Mayor White says, "go slow on the White House," as he does not know just yet when work will begin clearing off the ground and hauling brick for it. This writer is going to see something doing before he reports another hotel an assured fact for Lumberton. We've got to see something besides pictures in frames.

Mr. W. F. Fields, a representative of the Postoffice Department, was here Monday going over the postoffice site proposition. He is the third or fourth man that has been here on that business, and it is hoped that his report on the situation will be final. After talking the matter over with Mr. Fields, we have little doubt that he will (or has) recommended the Townsend lot, Seventh and Elm streets.

Early Thursday morning three men while standing at the railroad station looking at a slowly moving passing freight train counted the cars and all made a different count. One made 56, another 57 and the third 58. Some freight train going into Wilmington Christmas morning, 1,600 tons.

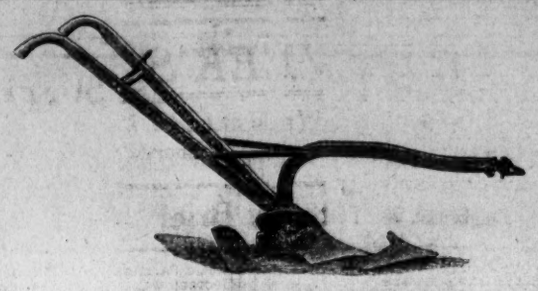
Train No. 20, bound for Wilmington, due to pass here at 9:47 P. M., did not arrive last night until 2 o'clock and as a result the train from Wilmington was an hour late this morning.

Change of Schedule.

By a change in schedule of the early train from Fayetteville to Bennettsville, passengers east of Maxton on the Seaboard desiring to go to Bennettsville will make good connection.

During the coming week Mr. F. J. Meares, who has been keeper of the county home for the past two or three years, will return to his home in town and will be succeeded by Mr. I. J. Flowers, a former keeper. Mr. Meares is too old and feeble for the responsibilities of the home.

With this issue of The Star, we close our year's work as plug correspondent and if we have failed to have something in The Star every Sunday during the past for years we don't recall it. If we undertake the work during '14, we will not make any promises to "do better than ever before," but will continue to tell things as they are or not at all, if facts are obtainable, and we will not promise to report everything that happens. Under certain conditions we regard the least said as the best. We wish all Star readers a Happy New Year.



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THE WEEK'S NEWS REVIEWED IN BRIEF

Glimpses of the World at Large, Little News Stories of the Carolinas, and a Resume of Local Doings, Prepared for the Busy Man and the Week-End Reader.

Of General Interest

The Huerta government in Mexico secures arms in Japan.

There has recently been a remarkable increase in army recruits.

John Skelton Williams may be appointed Comptroller of the Currency.

Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson died at Bloomington, Ill., Christmas Day.

A fire in Portsmouth, England, destroyed $1,250,000 worth of property.

Winter began Monday, according to the calendar, and will continue until March 21st.

Hundreds of unemployed and hungry men rioted in Los Angeles, Cal., Christmas Day.

Active campaigning for Federal reserve banks has been begun by half a dozen or more cities.

The Postoffice Department expects to reduce the increased expenditures for railway car service.

The Missouri Supreme court has issued a decree of ouster against 20 wholesale lumber companies.

Italian authorities have turned over the famous painting, "Mona Lisa", to the French ambassador at Rome.

District Attorney Whitman will continue his investigation of graft in the New York State highways department.

Lincoln Beachy broke a world's aviation record Christmas Day by looping the loop five consecutive times.

More clearly defined rules for competition in business are to be promulgated by the United States Supreme Court.

The Department of Agriculture has warned the people against the consumption of raw or uncooked pork products.

The death of a Monticello, N. Y. attorney revealed the fact that he had kept a woman hidden in his office 15 years.

The Christmas holidays caused some cessation of fighting in Mexico. Both sides celebrated, but to a limited extent.

At one minute after six Tuesday afternoon President Wilson signed his name to the Currency bill, making it law.

All of the foreign trans-Atlantic steamship companies have endorsed President Wilson's stand on the Safety at Sea bill.

Mme. Schumann-Heink, the grand opera singer, has brought suit in Chicago for divorce from William Rapp, her third husband.

Persons pictured in films dealing with white slavery have sued the producers of the film in New York for $1,050,000 damages.

Secretary Daniels has issued an order requiring all enlisted men in the navy to spend an hour and a quarter every day in study.

Miss Julia Kern, daughter of Senator Kern, of Indiana, was married to Dr. George B. Lawson, near Roanoke, Va., Christmas Day.

President Wilson ordered that a reprimand be administered to the army and navy officers who participated in the recent Carabao dinner.

An attempt on the life of a Chicago lawyer and former alderman was made by an alleged quack medical practitioner, who then ended his own life.

President Wilson let it be known Monday that some other corporations besides the Phone Trust, were disposed to conform with the Sherman anti-trust law.

A joint resolution was offered in Congress allowing coastwise shipping through the Panama canal free of toll after the canal has been in operation for two years.

Former President Roosevelt and a one-time Chilean minister to the United States clashed in Santiaga de Chile on account of divergent views on the Monroe doctrine.

Washington's representative business men and bankers declare that business conditions throughout the country will be greatly stimulated by the Currency Reform act.

A wireless message summoning a friend was sent from a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western train and a telephone conversation was carried on while going through a tunnel Sunday.

The attorney general of Missouri will file suits against all railroads operating in that State to recover excess passenger and freight fares paid during the time the laws were tied up in the courts.

Government ownership of the country's telephone lines would cost less than $900,000,000, Congressman Lewis, of Maryland, told the House, in submitting his argument for government ownership, Monday.

Governor Brewer, of Mississippi, took the stand in the trial of State Senator Hobbs, charged with accepting a bribe and of selling his influence. The Governor declared the Senator had confessed to him.

President Wilson and family went to Pass Christian, Miss., Wednesday to spend three weeks, that place having been selected for their winter vacation. The President was seen at several points on his trip through North Carolina, by crowds at the stations.

Nearly four score persons, most of them children, were killed during a panic at a Christmas entertainment at Calumet, Mich., Christmas eve, caused by some one shouting "fire" in the hall when there was no fire. Most of the persons killed were trampled to death in the stampede.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Rulfs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

Brief News Stories of The Carolinas

The Farmers & Merchants' Bank, of Georgetown, S. C., has just had a very successful opening.

In several North Carolina towns and cities community Christmas trees featured this holiday season for the first time.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, executive secretary of the Lutheran Laymen Missionary movement, announces that the South Carolina convention of that body will be held in Columbia February 17-19.

C. J. Glover, a prominent lawyer of Bailey, a small town on the Norfolk Southern, was shot in the back Wednesday night at 8 o'clock while sitting in his office, and his condition is considered critical.

Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, was designated Tuesday afternoon by Judge Connor as United States district attorney for this district, but he was not present and will not qualify for a few days.

A book giving data on forests of South Carolina has been prepared by S. L. Wolfe, forest assistant of the United States Forestry Bureau in conjunction with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

J. Cullen Root, of Omaha, Neb., founder and sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, died at Hendersonville, N. C., Wednesday night. He had come to North Carolina for the benefit of his health.

William T. Dortch, of Goldsboro, is now United States marshal of the Eastern district of North Carolina, having been named by District Judge Connor, being sworn in and qualified by giving his bond Tuesday afternoon.

Chief of Police H. H. Redfern, of Lumberton, Christmas eve arrested Austin DeCoach, aged 21, and Roy Hayes, aged 16, charged with attempting assault of two prominent young ladies on the street there Saturday night.

The Credit Department of the Anderson, S. C., Chamber of Commerce, has received a letter from Mr. B. F. Johnson, merchant, asking that all employers of Anderson pay their men off weekly instead of semi-monthly or monthly.

West Hines, a notorious negro desperado, who has figured in the criminal courts of Goldsboro and other cities of the State and Virginia, was shot and seriously wounded there Tuesday by officers who had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of robbery.

Selma takes the place of Rocky Mount w ith a Company C, in the Second Regiment, North Carolina National Guard. The Rocky Mount company was disbanded a few weeks ago for failure to measure up to the required standards.

The American National Bank and the Murchison National Bank, both of Wilmington, and the National Bank of Granville, Oxford, were among the first National banks to apply for charters to enter the banking business under the new currency act, which became a law Tuesday night.

The following North Carolina postmasters were confirmed Tuesday: L. G. Daniels, at Newbern; R. S. Montgomery, at Reidsville, and J. R. Swann at Marshall. A. M. Sanders, who was nominated for postmaster at Smithfield, failed of confirmation because of the rush to adjourn.

Former Judge Owen H. Guion, of Newbern, has announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Third district. Other candidates are Congressman John M. Faison, ex-Congressman Chas. R. Thomas, and Mr. George E. Hood, and probably Larry Moore.

Burglars entered the postoffice at Mt. Gilead some time Saturday night and stole $700 worth of stamps and $300 in cash. The burglary was discovered early Sunday morning when he office was opened, and was supposed to have been committed some time between midnight and 4 o'clock in the morning.

United States Judge James E. Boyd has appointed J. M. Baxley United States marshal for the Western district of North Carolina to succeed W. E. Logan, who was Saturday dismissed from office by order of Attorney General McReynolds. Mr. Baley has been chief deputy marshal for several years.

With the death of W. St. Julien Jervey, of Charleston, S. C., John J. Dargan, of Statesburg, and John R. Abney, of New York, are the only survivors of the Hampton ticket of 1876. Mr. Dargan was a candidate for solicitor of the Third judicial district. Of the Presidential electors Theodore G. Barker, of Charleston, is the sole survivor.

The Senate in executive session Tuesday afternoon confirmed the nominations of W. T. Dortch and Charles A. Webb to be marshals for the Eastern and Western districts, respectively. Senators Simmons and Overman made a hard fight for the two men and finally prevailed upon Senator Goff, of West Virginia, and other Republican senators, to withdraw their opposition.

Formal demand was made by Judge Junius G. Adams, of the city police court upon the Evening News Publishing Company, publishing the Asheville Gazette-News, to furnish the mayor and board of aldermen with specific instances of misconduct, in order that the city officials may investigate his record. If the publishers of the paper fail to do this, the judge will ask that an investigation be conducted.

The Cape Fear Tobacco Growers, Association has secured, through the United States Department of Agriculture, Dr. J. D.Fletcher, of Durham, an expert on the culture of tobacco and one of the best all round farmers of Durham county, to instruct the Cumberland farmers in the methods of raising tobacco, and to assist planters in the fight against crop diseases and pets and to furnish expert agricultural advice generally.

Coming as a complete surprise to the local Greek colony, Rev. Nicholas Haji Vassilious, accompanied by his son, arrived in Charleston to take charge of the Greek Orthodox church. Rev. Mr. Vassilious went to the St. John Hotel, where he attracted much attention by reason of his costume. He retained his native Greek costume, wearing the long skirt and voluminous jacket of his people, and with his hair hanging almost to his waist.

Adjt. Gen. Laurence W. Young, has called a special meeting of the State Military Advisory board to convene in Raleigh Monday for the special purpose of taking action looking to adjusting the North Carolina Guard to the new regulations by the War Department as set out in Circular 8, just issued. This makes decided changes in the number of assistants recognized by the War Department for the administrative staff of the various State guards.

Through the action of the minority stockholders, Judge G. W. Conner has issued a restraining order preventing any sale of the Tarboro cotton factory and appointed Mr. Haywood Foxhill temporary receiver, naming January 8th as the time for a hearing in the matter. Jointly notiecs were sent to the stockholders stating that an offer had been made for the purchase of this plant the offer being $150,000, whilt the indebtedness of the plant, including a bond issue of $100,000, is about $165,000.

Announcement has been made of the schedule of dates on which civil service examinations will be hed for fourth class postmasters in North Carolina, in cases where the annual pay is $180 or more, and where the present incumbent was not appointed under the civil service regulations. This is by order of President Wilson, who took this means to partially nullify the blanket order of President Taft, which otherwise would have perpetuated Republicans in office during their lifetime. About 550 postoffices in North Carolina are concerned. The examinations will be held in February.

KINSTON CHURCHES BUILDING.

New Edifice of the Disciples is Nearing Completion.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 27.—The new Christian church here, one of the finest owned by the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina, is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy early in 1914. This church, erected at a cost of about $40,000, is unique in that it was planned with reference to community service and located with that in view. It is only half a block from the intersection of Gordon and Queen streets, the busiest crossing in the city, and is nearly in the center of the community. A place has been provided in the handsome structure for secular meetings, for physical recreation and social enjoyment, and the city will be invited by the congregation to use the building as "a center for good work in the community." The auditorium will be one of the largest in Kinston. The membership of the local church is of a representative class. Rev. Bernard P. Smith is the pastor.

In a few weeks construction of the third of a series of handsome new church edifices in Kinston—that of the First Baptist church—will be commenced half a block from that of the Christian. This building will cost $45,000 or $50,000.

The Universalists are having erected the finest edifice owned by that denomination in the State at Independent and Lenoir streets, while extensive improvements are being made upon St. Mary's Episcopal church. The Universalists' new building is being constructed of concrete, and will have a large auditorium and Sunday school rooms.

LARRY MOORE NOT ONE.

Third District Has Only Four Candidates for Congress.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—With four candidates in the race for Congress from this district, indications point to one of the hardest waged fights in the history of the district and the friends of the four men: Hon. Charles R. Thomas and ex-Judge O. H. Guion, of this city, and George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, and Dr. Jno. M. Faison, of Faison, the present incumbent, state that they will exert every effort to put their favorite in the office. It was generally understood that Larry I. Moore of this city, would be one of the candidates. Mr. Moore has a large law practice which takes practically all of his time and in an announcement a few days ago he stated that it would be impossible for him to divide his time between Congress and his practice and give both justice and that he refused to accept the nomination. On the following day ex-Judge Guion announced that he would be in the race.

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The Week Locally

Following the usual custom and in common with other commanderies throughout the world, Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, Christmas Day at noon spent half an hour in a beautiful Christmas service in its asylum in the Masonic Temple.

All Wilmington and friends and business acquaintances throughout the whole country were shocked to learn of the death of Mr. S. A. Schloss, prominent theatrical owner and operator of this city, who passed away at his residence, No. 214 North Fourth street, Monday night, at 10:30 o'clock.

As is required by law the annual report of County Auditor John A. Orrell to the Board of Country Commissioners is printed as an advertisement in today's Star. It is quite a lengthy statement and for the most part is devoted to the finances of the county, though some space is given to suggestions and recommendations.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Tidewater Power Company, held at the office of the company Tuesday, Mr. R. M. Sheppard was appointed Land and Industrial Agent of the company for the year 1914. Mr. Sheppard will devote his entire time to the immigration and colonization work in which the Tidewater Power Company interests are engaged.

Preceded by an original and entertaining address by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, the pastor, on the subject, "The Manger Cradle," a Christmas cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," by William R. Spence, was given at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, and was heard by a congregation that filled every available seat upstairs and down and overflowed into the aisles.

Announcement of a reduced rate for electric current for power to be effective January 1st, was made to their customers in a letter Wednesday by the Tidewater Power Company. The rating of 7, 5 and 2 1-2 cents per kilowatt hour is changed to 7, 5 and 2 cents, while a change is also made in the number of kilowatt hours that must be used in order to obtain the lower rates.

Another forward step has been taken at the Isaac Bear Memorial School, which is already known as the model intermediate graded school of the State, this being the installation of modern playground apparatus which will afford the children of this institution pleasing recreation of a kind that they appreciate and enjoy. This is a gift from Mr. Samuel Bear, who has already done so much for the school.

Wilmington Lodge No. 522, B. P. O. E., is planning for the first annual New Year's reception, which will be given on the evening of January 1st, and the members are looking forward to the occasion with a great deal of pleasure. Invitations to the number of about 500 will be sent out and indications are that the event will be one of the most enjoyable, as well as largely attended, in the history of the local Temple.

One of the briefest sessions on record was held Wednesday morning by the City Council, when the business of the body was disposed of in less than five minutes. Adjournment was then taken until next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the question of municipal lighting will be gone into again at the request of Councilman Wood, who has expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed settlement of the matter.

Bearing out in every essential detail the story published in The Star on the day following the completion of his personal investigations in this city, the report of Prof. E. B. Phelps, the water expert, who recently made an exhaustive inspection and study of the Wilmington water supply, was received Wednesday by Mayor P. Q. Moore from Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the United States Public Health Service.

Christmas night nearly 200 sailors, officers and men, who were now in port, assembled in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for the annual Seamen's Christmas banquet, given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Seamen's Friend Society. The hall was attractively decorated with holly and other evergreens with tinsel drapings and Christmas bells hung here and there.

Christmas in Wilmington was generally observed by suspension of business and the day was given over to pleasure and recreation. With the exception of the popping of firecrackers it was as quiet as Sunday and there was little of the boisterous conduct that is frequently associated with the day. On the other hand there was a general spirit of good cheer and joyfulness that is especially characteristic of this city and section.

That a number of Chicago capitalists and business men have formed a strong company for the purpose of undertaking extensive agricultural developments in the Wilmington section is a rumor that has been going round locally of late, and a letter received Monday by Capt. Edgar D. Williams, of this city, from the vice president of the company, proves that the rumor was a well founded one. The name of the organization is the North Carolina Company, with offices in the First National Bank Building, Chicago, and the letter received by Capt. Williams, while not going into any details as to the purposes of the company, is along lines that would seem to verify the general tenor of the rumors.

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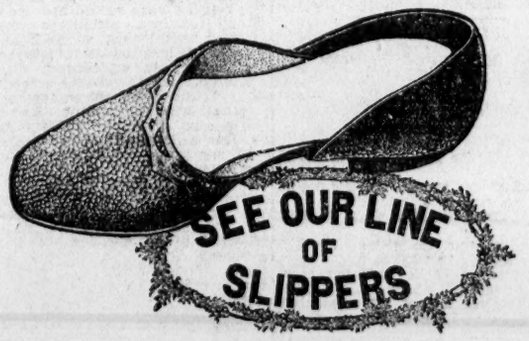

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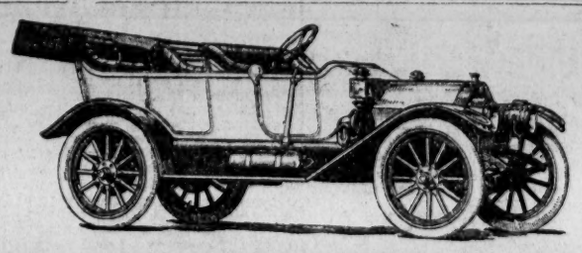

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover.—In the Superior Court, October Term, A. D. 1913.

M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company—Advertisement.

Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred (600) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 93-100 ($26,104.93) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company against the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness;

Now, Therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House door, expose for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property.

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Persons indebted to the estate will please make payment to undersigned.

This December 13, 1913.

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IN THE SPORTLIGHT

News and Reviews of the Week in the World of Sports.

If any little baseball magnate happens to be looking around for an appropriate "swear-off" for New Year's Day, he would find plenty of fans to suggest one—all suggesting the same thing:

"I hereby declare myself dignified, and quit being undignified."

This would not do as a New Year's pledge for some of the magnates, but in a large number of cases it would fit like a union suit. Baseball magnates—some of them—make fools of themselves publicly more often than probably any other class of men. In the last few years the biggest figures in the business end of the game have been held up to ridicule, time and again. The National League in the recent past had provided the largest number of such occasions, but the American also has butted into the limelight in this way.

One unnatural condition exists in several of the big league clubs of the present time, and nearly every undignified affair has arisen in these clubs. The condition is the occupancy of a club presidency by a man who is not really the head of the club in a financial sense. The intent of organized baseball's agreement and laws take for granted that the president of a club is the club owner. Sadly, this is not true everywhere. A glance over events of the last year or so reveal the fact that the existence of a "power behind the throne" has proved a disturbing factor.

The latest case in point is the repudiating by the Cincinnati club directors of the deal made by their president, Garry Herrmann, selling Joe Tinker to Brooklyn. It is generally known among baseball men now that Julius and Max Fleischman are the real owners of the Reds, and that Herrmann is a mere figurehead in the presidential chair.

The Chicago Nationals have produced their imbroglios with disgusting regularity. Charles W. Murphy, the windy president of the club, is regarded by most baseball men as only a tool of Charles P. Taft, who is called the real owner of the club.

The St. Louis Cardinals, where Mrs. Britton, the owner, has had different men in the presidency, furnishes many joke developments until the fair proprietress decided to put "hubby" at the head of the club. The recent McAleer-McRoy-Stahl controversy in the Boston Red Sox is another such mix-up, which, however, has been satisfactorily straightened out through the purchase of stock by Joseph J. Lannin. Horace Fogel's escapades in Philadelphia also resulted from similar conditions.

President Ed. Barrow, of the International League, says he will have the satisfaction of being in office when the Federal League dies. "The outlaws" he says "can't keep up their losing fight more than two years, if that long, while my term in office, originally five years, has three more to run. We are not worried over the invasion of Baltimore and Buffalo by the outlaws."

When the National Commission meets in Cincinnati a week from Monday, and takes up the requests of the baseball players' fraternity, Governor Tener, the new president of the National League, will have his first really important problem since assuming office.

Jack Dunn, of Baltimore, tells with "tears in his voice" of the capture of Fritz Maisel, the little third-baseman of the New York Americans, toward the close of last season. Frank Farrell, the New York owner, slipped in just ahead of two other magnates and landed the star third-sacker of the International circuit. Farrell bought an option on Maisel that would give the Yankees the midget, for $8,000 cash and two players—outfielder Bert Daniels and third-baseman Ezra Midkiff, valued together at $5,000—making the total purchase price really $13,000.

No sooner had Farrell obtained this option than Dunn received two more big offers. Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, offered first $10,000 and either Rath or Berger, infielders, and then raised it to $10,000 and both players. Next came a wire from Gaffney, of the Boston Braves, to this effect: "I hereby beat any other offer made for Maisel. Will give you $1,000 more than anybody else."

But it was too late for Mr. Dunn. Farrell had already had his option and he closed the deal on the following day. Looks like Dunn may get over the shock some day—but he will never be the same cheerful guy again.

There are likely to be three or four big heavyweight bouts decided during the coming week. On Monday Jess Willard meets George Rodel, the Boer, in New Haven, Conn., Thursday, New Year's Day, Arthur Pelky tackles "Gun boat" Smith in San Francisco. That makes number two. Where do the others come in? They may not come in at all, but there is this on which to base a wide open-work either-way prediction: At present Jack Johnson "came back" last week in a joke bout and fractured his una or something like that.) Georges Carpentier, Frank Moran, Joe Jeannette, Sam Langford and oh dear, yes, "Bombarded" Wells—are in or about Paris. They make and break matches so frequently over there that it is next to the impossible to tell what is coming off a day in advance. But some of their many ideas ought to go through and furnish a New Year's Day boxing attraction.

Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, of the University of Pennsylvania, is going ahead with his plans for an intercollegiate boxing tournament. Dr. McKenzie, who is head of the department of physical education, is now trying to arrange contests with Yale and Columbia, where sport also is encouraged.

The Harvard football team got together last week and named Charley Brickley captain of next year's eleven. "Brick" richly deserves the honor be stowed upon him. His work in the past two years as a member of Harvard's victorious team was little short of remarkable. He has been generally accepted by experts the country over as a sure-fire member of their all-American teams. Not only is Brickley the greatest drop kicker in the game, but he is also a strong line plunger and a corking defensive back.

Fans of a decade ago may be interested to hear that Sammy Strang, one time member of Johnny McGraw's world champions is at present a grand opera singer in Paris. Sammy could always warble harmoniously in his baseball days and was said to be one of the most entertaining galoots ever with a baseball club—not excepting Comedian Charley Faust. But from the National League to Grand opra is a big jump for even such a versatile individual as the modern ball tosser is popularly supposed to be.

In his invasion of Cincinnati, Buck Herzog is classing himself along with that valiant crew commonly sized up by the phrase 'we admire his nerve, but we pity his judgment." However, Buck is marching to his execution with a calm and steady tread as becomes a hero, which leads us to the conclusion that the days of martyrdom are not entirely passed.

After perusing a number of logical and expert opinions, we discover that the following National League clubs are to finish in the first division next year: Giants, Phillies, Pirates, Dodgers, Braves and Cubs. It can be done, perhaps, but it will be as tight a fit as a number of us have ever seen.

Somewhere adrift along the far eastern horizon, a cove by the name of F. Merkle is still in an enraptured trance. Think what it might have meant to know each night as he hit the hay that he was one day nearer to starting work in Grandold St. Louis.

"In America," says Jack Johnson, "they call me the Invincible." Also a number of other select names that would more than likely be out of place in a home newspaper of delicacy and refinement.

THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY
T.W. C.

Blessed is the man who has found his work.

The character of our thinking determines the nature of our ideals.

Do not make so much of the failures about you.

To widen your life without deepening it is merely to weaken it.

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

The careless use of other people's names is one of the evidences of untrained thought.

What men want is not talent, it is purpose; not merely the power to achieve but the will to labor.

Be done with the day when night comes. You have done your best. Forget the blunders.

Find your place and fill it. No matter how humble the place—fill it. Determine to be a 'doer' of something.

Often trials act as a hedge to keep us in the good pasture. Often prosperity is a gap through which we go astray.

Think of yourself as on the threshold of success. A whole, clear, glorious lift lies before you. Achieve, acnieve.

Resolve that, like the sun, so long as days last, you will look on the bright side.

There is one thing better than making a living. It is making life.

If bitterness has crept into the heart in the friction of the busy day's unguarded moments, be sure it steals away with the setting sun.

Study hard. But remember that study alone will not lead to heights of usefulness and success.

True greatness never happens. No man can fight another soul's battles. Self-distrust is the curse of many failures in this life.

Avoid the small view, the fault-finder's view. Run from gossip as from a pestilence. Fill your soul with great ideals.

The strength of your will is the measure of your life's strength. Behind the will lies the heart and its desire.

Good habits can be formed as easily as evil ones. Form good habits

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, but not with the wind.

He who goes through life with a smile for every frown, a cheery word for every cross one and lending a helping hand to the unfortunate is, after all, a good soul.

How soon the millenium would come if everybody would do today the things they intend to do tomorrow.

Do not say you are too old. Age is largely imagination. Ignore the coming years, smile and age passes you by.

That which is good to be done cannot be done too quickly. If it is neglected to be done early, too frequently is it not done at all.

A wise old German once said, "I likes me to give villingly, ven I give villingly, I enjoys me so much, I gives it again."

The world is looking for the man who can do something, not for the man who can "explain" why he did not do it.

To look over toward the noblest ideal for one's self, forgiving the other man his failure—this is indispensable to right living.

Some men marry and settle down but it would have done the world more good if they had remained single and settled up.

Refinement is more a spirit than an accomplishment. True refinement springs from a gentle, unselfish heart. Without a refined spirit a refined life is impossible.

If we give all we have, and do all we can, it profits us nothing. Our thoughts mould our life, because life and thought are one.

Any one can carry his burden, no matter how heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can do his work, no matter how hard, until evening. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely for one day. And this is all that live ever really means.

The habit of helplessness begins early. It grows and in many instances of responsibility, the effort to unload on somebody else.

Be sure of the foundation of your life, know why you live as you do. Be ready to give a reason for it. Do not, in such a matter as life, build on opinion or custom. Make life a matter of certainty.

Much of our dissension is due to misunderstanding. This condition could be made right by a few honest words and a little open dealing. To believe good of others floods the whole being with light.

NEWBERN SOON TO HAVE NEW TROLLEY CAR LINE.

Will Extend from Depot to Fair Grounds and Park.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—Newbern is soon to have a new car line; one which will go out to the Eastern Carolina Fair grounds and to Glenburnie park, the city's newest pleasure resort, which will be opened up in full blast during the summer months.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the directors of the Fair Association Company, and at a meeting of the board of aldermen which will be held next week, a committee will go before them and ask for a franchise. It is planned to operate the car from a point near the union passenger station, which incidentally is one of the terminals of the present street car line and it will then go on to the fair grounds.

Stock will be sold promiscuously and, in order to make the building of the line certain, a section of the park property along the river shore will be cut up into suburban residence lots and sold at public auction. Then, too, the people through whose property the line will run have stated that they will contribute liberally to its construction.

The Eastern Carolina Fair has been operated for the past two years and the lack of transportation facilities has been quite a drawback. The construction of the car line will make it a comparatively easy matter for visitors to reach that place. Work on the line is expected to begin about April 1st.

COLORED FAIR AT WILSON.

Baileys Lawyer May Recover—Burglary at Wilson.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27.—With appropriate ceremonies, the Wilson Colored Fair opened yesterday afternoon and addresses were delivered by Hon. F. A. Woodard, Judge George W. Connor and County Superintendent Chas. L. Coon. The exhibits are attracting considerable favorable comment and the promoters deserve credit for the successful achievement. The fair will continue until January 2nd. The closing feature being the emancipation address, January 1st, by J. A. Savage. Addresses by Col. John F. Bruton, Hon. John E. Woodard, Attorney W. A. Lucas and Editor John D. Gold, are on the programme of the days.

Reports from Baileys state that Mr. Cleveland Glover, who was shot Tuesday night, will probably recover. The shooting is still shrouded in mystery. Mr. Glover was one of the progressive young business men of Baileys and so far as known did not have an enemy. This is the second attempt on his life and he can not give any clue as to the attacking party.

Some time during Christmas night the store of W. D. Ruffin was entered by burglars and a large quantity of merchandise taken. Local police officers are working on the case, but can not get a clue.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church enjoyed their Christmas tree and programme last night. The tree was placed in the Sunday school room and was one of the largest ever placed in the town.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Rulfs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

HOME HEALTH CLUB

By Dr. David H. Reeder, Chicago, Illinois.

NERVES—(Continuation of articles written for Home Health Club by H. Lindlahr, M. D.). In my last article entitled "Nerves," I explained that among the most prominent causes of nervousness are mal-nutrition and auto-intoxication, or systemic poisoning. There are other causes of nervousness, even more serious than those just mentioned. These we shall study in the following articles of this series:

Wrong habits of thinking and feeling may develop into the worst forms of nervous and mental diseases; twisted and dislocated vertebrae of the spine may press upon the nerves and blood vessels which pass out between them, and thus cause irritation, inflammation, or interference with the free and normal flow of nerve and blood currents. But the worst and most stubborn diseases affecting the brain and nervous system are caused by drug poisons, such as mercury, iodine, arsenic, quinine, bromides, coal-tar preparations, etc., which accumulate in the system and actually destroy nerve and brain matter. Most cases of neurasthenia, neuritis, neuralgia, locomotor-ataxia, paralysis-agitans and paresis, are either caused by, or complicated with these drug poisons. For the present, I shall confine myself to tracing and explaining the dietetic causes of nervous ailments.

The ordinary "meat-potato-white bread-coffee-and-pie" diet which is customary in the American home, boarding house or restaurant, is bound to create, sooner or later, diseased conditions in the system. This combination of foods (as I have explained in my articles on Natural Dietetics) creates in the system large amounts of poisonous acids, alkaloids and ptomaines, and does not contain enough of the alkaline mineral elements on which depends the purification of the system from morbid matter and poisons.

The foods which are considered most nutritious, the meat, eggs, peas, beans, lentils, and the grains, are the greatest danger foods, because they are exceedingly rich in the acid-producing starches, fats and proteins, and very poor in the acid-binding and eliminating alkaline elements. These purifying elements can be secured in sufficient amounts only in the fruits and vegetables, which are very poor in starches, fats and proteins, and very rich in the mineral salts of iron, lime, potassium, sodium, magnesium and silicon.

Among the thousands of young people reared in this country whom I have had occasion to examine, I have found very few who did not suffer, to some extent, from digestive troubles. It is a fact that American people, in spite of all the natural advantages which they enjoy, suffer more from indigestion and mal-assimilation, and from the multitude of diseases growing out of these primary causes, than any other nation on earth.

The reason for this is that from the cradle up all the laws and principles governing right eating and drinking are continually violated. The child is allowed to eat what it pleases, and since indulgence in unnatural food and drink creates abnormal appetites, the child soon learns to crave those things which are most detrimental to health. As it becomes accustomed to meats, strong spices and condiments, pastry, coffee and tea, it loses all relish for fruits and vegetables, especially the latter. Piping hot soup and meats are washed down with ice water, and mixed with extremely cold ice-cream, which only too often is a mixture of skimmed milk, glue and chemical coloring and flavoring compounds. These unwholesome food combinations are supplemented by large quantities of white sugar and adulterated candies, all of which are very injurious to the system.

Is it any wonder that the prosperous and well-fed American people are the sickest people on earth; that they suffer almost universally from early decay of the teeth, digestive trouble, chronic constipation, hemorrhoids, nervous dyspepsia, appendicitis, cancer, and a host of other diseases directly caused by food and drink poisoning?

CLUB NOTES.

I will gladly answer all inquiries for information on health subjects from readers of this publication, if same are addressed to Home Health Club, 5039 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. Send full name and address with 4 cents postage.

Dear Doctor—Will you be so kind as to answer me pertaining to the following: I have a little girl, 12 years old, who is very much troubled with tonsilitis-sore throat. The doctor says that the only cure is to cut the tonsils out. The child has been troubled this way since last Fall. Will you please tell me if there is any other method of treatment for her? Mrs. W. H.

I object to the surgical treatment of enlarged tonsils about as vigorously as the average mother does. I have seen a great deal of that kind of work and have also seen such cases treated without surgery, and the result was more satisfactory. The method which I advocate is the use of the tissue elements of which I have often spoken, and have found them the natural and safe home remedies for all such troubles. You should also have the Home Health Club lecture on Catarrh, as the exercises given in the lecture would greatly aid in a cure.

Dear Doctor—I get so sleepy in the evening that I cannot read or study. I usually sleep about six hours, when I lie awake until time to get up. Some time I sleep seven or eight hours, but I am just as sleepy the next evening. My habits are regular, health is fine and this seems to be my only trouble. The trouble is of several years' standing and seems to run in the family, as I remember my mother for years nodding over her knitting or reading of evenings. Several of the children, after they passed thirty, are in the same way. A towel wrung out of cold water and wrapped around my head will not keep me awake. I am 30 years old. E. M.

I should judge from your description that your troubles arise from indigestion, and I think it would be a wise plan for you to carefully and thoroughly regulate your diet, making a practice of masticating all of your food very thoroughly, and drink nothing while eating, but drink large quantities of water between meals. You should also eat very light suppers; the heartiest meal should be at midday, and your supper should be largely fruit and cereals. Do not drink any milk, tea or coffee. Rest for perhaps half an hour after eating the evening meal, after which you should take some light exercise. I think you can then sit down and read with comfort. If you desire it, you could take a cup of hot milk before retiring; it should be sipped slowly, however, and taken very hot, but not boiled. This will have a tendency to make you sleep all night.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(Continued from Page 10.)

November "	31.65				31.56
Total	$ 634.25	$ 852.15	$ 19.05		$1,505.45
Total Collected	$5,855.30	$4,823.55	$ 214.35	$ 473.75	$11,366.95
Delinquents, December 1st, 1912					$ 5,062.76
Collected during this year					1,505.45
Balance uncollected					$ 3,557.31
Delinquents this year:					
December-April					$ 825.10
May-November					351.95
Total					$ 1,177.05
Collected during the year					1,018.85
Uncollected November 30th, 1913					158.20
Of this amount, to April 30th					68.10
Recognized until in December					85.65
Delinquent for period May-November					4.45
					$ 158.20

Cases Open, 2. Cases Reserved, 3.
Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT "L".

COST OF FEEDING PRISONERS, ETC.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.

Cost of Feeding Prisoners	$10,066.04
Total prison days	40,512
Average cost per man per day	$ 0.24 85-100
Cost of clothing and bedding	$ 2,691.37
Average cost per man per day	$ 0.06 64-100
Average cost feeding and clothing	$ 0.31 49-100
Cost Guards	$ 8,654.71
Cost Medicines, Rewards, etc.	$ 355.16
Total average cost per man per day	$ 0.53 73-100
Road Macadamized, 3½ miles	
Concrete Bridges Built, One—60 cubic yards.	
Roads Oiled, 10½ miles.	
Right-of-way cut for Federal Point road, 8 miles.	
Macadamized road re-surfaced, 6½ miles.	
Dirt Road rebuilt, 3 miles.	
Dirt Road improved (Middle Sound and Masonboro) 3 miles.	
New Fence built, 627 yards.	
Hand Rail on Northeast River Bridge, 80 feet.	
Railroad Track taken up, 2 miles.	

In addition to above, considerable time was spent in Ditching, Patching, and Cutting Weeds and Bushes alongside the various roads of the county.

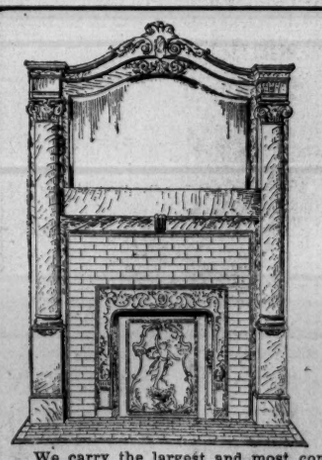
EXHIBIT "M"

DISTRIBUTION OF ROCK FROM QUARRY.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.
Tons.

		Rock Dist.	Castle Hayne	Scotts Hill	Turnpike	Fedr. Point	Caro. Hts. & Place	Gordon Road	To City
Dec.	1912	820	----	----	460	160	----	----	200
Jan.	1913	2,240	----	100	440	1,540	----	----	160
Feb.	"	1,320	----	----	380	940	----	----	----
March	"	1,200	----	80	40	1,080	----	----	----
April	"	1,620	----	200	360	1,060	----	----	----
May	"	2,220	----	----	----	2,220	----	----	----
June	"	1,000	----	----	80	760	160	----	----
July	"	1,355	----	220	175	940	20	----	----
Aug.	"	860	80	500	----	280	----	----	----
Sept.	"	984	----	410	----	----	574	----	----
Oct.	"	384	100	4	----	280	----	----	----
Nov.	"	760	100	220	----	370	20	50	----
Total		14,763	280	1,734	1,935	9,630	774	50	360
		Hauled by Cars				By Cars			By Truck
December,	1912	----		----		820			----
January	1913	----		100		2,140			----
February	"	----		----		1,320			----
March	"	----		80		1,120			----
April	"	----		200		1,420			----
May	"	----		----		2,220			----
June	"	----		160		840			----
July	"	----		60		940			355
August	"	----		----		360			500
September	"	----		574		----			410
October	"	----		4		----			380
November	"	----		20		270			470
Total		----		1,198		11,450			2,115

EXHIBIT "N"

Examined and found correct.
Public Accountant.
For Year Ending November 30, 1913.



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